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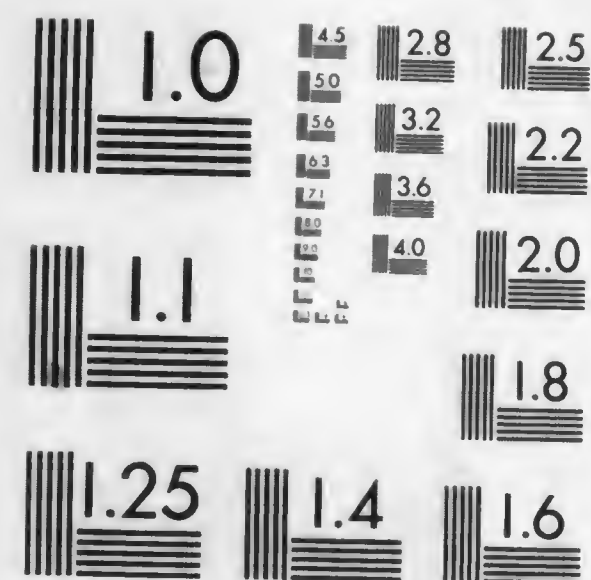
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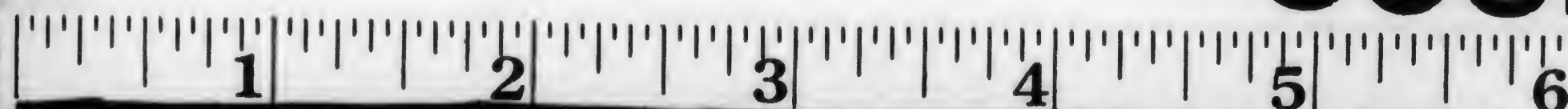
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May 28, 1913.

George T. Robinson, Esq.  
510 White Building,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Mary thanks for your letter of the 26th instant, in reply to my inquiry about the value of certain lots on East Ferry Street.

Your proposition to extend Woodlawn Avenue through our property is not a new one. I set out to do this some ten years ago, but learned that the cost would be so great that I gave up the idea. You seem to think the cost would be nominal. The whole question seems to depend on this, so I shall be greatly obliged if you will ascertain and let me know exactly what the expense will be of extending Woodlawn Avenue through the two adjoining lots having frontages of 55 and 218 ft. respectively; and also the cost of survey and map of the proposed new subdivision.

In case the street is cut through, would the city bear any part of the expense, or should we be called upon to pay for the cutting of the street, grading, curbing, sewer, lights, and so on? And how about water and gas?

Thanking you for the interest you have taken in

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the matter, and for the map tracing which you inclosed,

Very truly yours,

*Caroline H. Merriam*

PS. With respect to the names which you find entered on the plat: Cornelia H. Merriam is an error for Caroline H. Merriam, my mother, who died several years ago. Charles B. Collins was my mother's only brother, and on his death left all his property to her. The lots having frontages of 55 and 166 ft. belong to my mother's undivided estate, and are owned jointly by her three heirs, my brother, my sister, and myself. The lot having a frontage of 218 ft. is my personal property.



May 29, 1913.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that I have known Miss Dorothy Schaff for about six years. For four years she was a classmate of one of my daughters in the Western High School. She is an honest, conscientious, and competent young woman, and will, I feel sure, make a success of any work she undertakes.

Respectfully,

*E. J. Schaff*



June 2, 1913.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Inclosed is check for \$125 for payment of  
Heli Hoadley's annuity for the months of June, July,  
and August.

Thus far no word has come from Wilson respecting  
the suggested settlement of the Hoadley Estate.

As I expect to set out for California within ten  
days, I should be glad to learn as soon as possible whether  
there is any likelihood of settlement during the summer.

If Hugo is ready to pay his interest a little  
earlier than common, I should be glad to deposit it before  
I leave.

Very truly yours,

*C. E. Pickett*

June 2, 1913.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Since writing you this morning your letter of  
May 31 has arrived with the names of the Kimberley heirs  
asked for, and also a letter from R. H. Wilson, who notes  
a change of address to 1509 Cortelyou Road, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
A copy of Wilson's letter is inclosed herewith, since in  
case of settlement it will be necessary for you to know  
exactly what he says. And inasmuch as this letter refers  
specifically to my letter of May 25 to him, I inclose a copy  
of it also.

In order that there may be no legal hitch or  
complication, I should be glad to have you take the matter up  
with Mr. Bristol.

The next step I suppose will be to obtain the consent  
of Miss Maria H. Bradley. In the matter of the annuities I  
conferred with representatives of the Equitable Life of New  
York, and one or two less substantial companies. We must of  
course select an absolutely sound institution so that there  
will be no possibility of a question as to the continuous  
payment of the annuity. I am writing Miss Bradley by this



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mail to ascertain if she will consent to an annuity on the plan suggested, and am asking if an annuity of \$1900 would be satisfactory to her.

I assume that you will look out for the legal side, and will ascertain if the settlement under contemplation meets the approval of the Probate Court.

Very truly yours,

*C. E. Pickett*

June 2, 1913.

Miss Maria H. Bradley,  
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Miss Bradley:

Mrs. Townsend is anxious to set her son up in business, and is desirous of selling out her interest in the Hoadley Estate, or affecting a final settlement in the near future. R. H. Wilson and his sisters, heirs of the Kimberley third of the estate are also desirous of a settlement.

The only way a final settlement can be brought about at this time is by the purchase of annuities for you and Heli Hoadley. I therefore write to ask if this would meet your approval, your annuity to be placed of course in one of the strongest companies in the country, say the Equitable Life of New York. The amount of your annuity for the past year was \$1770.75, and the amount is increasing slowly from year to year. I would suggest therefore, as a seemingly fair proposition, an annuity of \$1900. This amount could be paid you direct in an annual or two semi-annual payments, or could be deposited annually to your credit in some bank or trust company named by yourself. I desire to know your views on the subject before bringing the matter to the attention of the Probate Court.

Very truly yours,

*C. E. Pickett*



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June 3, 1913.

Mr. R. H. Wilson,  
1509 Cortelyou Road,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 31, I  
note that you and your sisters are willing to make  
a final settlement of the Hoadley Estate on the lines  
mentioned in my letter to you of May 26, assuming  
that the Court will allow this to be done. I will  
begin the necessary proceeding at once, and will  
let you know later.

Very truly yours,

*E. H. Merriam*



June 4, 1913.

Cashier, Lincoln National Bank,  
42d St. and Madison Ave.  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed find check for \$20, which  
please credit to account of J. B. Merriam  
(Julia Bush Merriam), and oblige

Respectfully,

*C. B. Merriam*



June 10, 1913.

George T. Robinson, Esq.  
510 White Building,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 3d instant about our Ferry St. lots. These we should much prefer to sell as a whole if possible, in order to clean the matter up at once.

I think I wrote you before that I personally own only one lot, the one having a frontage of 218 ft. The two others (155 and 166 ft. front) are owned jointly by my brother, my sister, and myself, as heirs to my mother's estate. In case of a subdivision into the small lots you recommend, there would be a slight complication, owing to these different ownerships. This could be avoided by dividing the 55 foot lot separately, making two lots of its width - in all six lots (each 27½ ft. wide). Then my lot (218 ft. front) could be subdivided as you think best, and would make 21 lots, each a little more than 30 ft. in breadth.

If you could sell the 273 odd feet in one parcel, we should be willing to dispose of it at \$35 per front foot. If you think it cannot be sold at this figure, we will consider your plan of subdivision, acting at this time on

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your suggestion to have the survey and map made, and grade up Woodlawn Avenue, the total expense of which you think will not exceed \$50. I should be willing to have this done at a total expense not to exceed \$60.

Another point: In case the subdivision plan is adopted, what in your judgment would be the desirability of erecting one or two small houses on the Ferry Street frontage with a view to rental or sale, sale preferred? And about what should a house cost to be equal to those in the neighborhood?

As I expect to leave for California before your reply could reach Washington, please address me at Lagunitas, Marin County, California. It is possible, though not probable, that I may stop off at Buffalo en route.

Respectfully,

*G. T. Robinson*



June 10, 1913.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Yours of the 6th came duly, but so far not a word from Miss Bradley.

The amount the Equitable or any other insurance company will charge for an annuity depends of course on the age of the person insured, <sup>and the frequency of payments (as annual, semi-annual, or quarterly).</sup> and the amount of the annuity. If Miss Bradley will accept \$1900 instead of \$2000, the estate will be so much the better off. Will let you know at once on hearing from her, but fear she is likely to put off her answer.

It is a bad time just now to dispose of securities, as you of course know, everything being way down.

Very truly yours,

C. H. H. H. H.



June 14, 1913.

Miss Maria H. Bradley,  
Peoria, Illinois.

My dear Miss Bradley:

Thanks for your letter of the 10th instant. In suggesting a settlement by which you would receive \$10,000 cash and in addition an annuity of \$1500, it occurs to me that you overlook several important facts.

In the first place, Dr. Hoadley's intent as expressed in his will was to provide you with a comfortable income during your lifetime, and later to divide his estate among certain friends and relatives. To comply with your request would consume so large a part of the estate that it would defeat the object of the will, and probably would not be permitted by the court.

Have you stopped to consider the amount that you have already received from the estate? You have already received \$26,110, and will receive \$400 more in about two weeks.

Do you realize what it costs to purchase an annuity yielding \$1500? The price of such an annuity in a responsible company, and of course we would consider no other, is between 13 and 14 thousand dollars. This with the additional \$10,000 you ask for would make about \$24,000 to go out of the estate before a settlement could be made, and something over \$2000

Miss Maria H. Bradley #2

additional will be required to purchase an annuity for Heli, making about \$26,000 in all, plus lawyer's fees and court charges, to be deducted from the estate.

You of course realize that while you have received more than \$26,000, not one of the three legatee interests has thus far received a single cent of its share. And in addition to the \$26,000 you have had, you are asking almost an even share in the division of the estate, so that practically it would have to be divided into four parts instead of three, while the terms of the will distinctly specify three parts.

It seems to me that these points were not considered by you or you would not have made the request you did.

The advantage to you in an annuity in such a company as the Equitable Life would be the absolute protection it affords, there being no conceivable combination of circumstances which could deprive you of your income, which continues as long as you live. In the event of my death, some other trustee would be appointed by the court, and while the chances are that you would be paid as heretofore, yet there are many possibilities, and there is no telling what actually might happen. In other words, the security afforded by such a company as the Equitable is vastly superior to the security of any single individual trustee.



Miss Maria H. Bradley #3

Your annuity for July will be sent you as usual.  
As I am leaving for California in a day or two,  
I will turn over the matter of a possible settlement to  
Mr. Pickett and Mr. Bristol of New Haven. Mr. Bristol, you  
may remember, has had charge of the legal side of the  
estate's affairs as a member of the old firm, Bristol,  
Stoddard & Bristol.

You understand of course that I am not a lawyer,  
and that my remarks therefore are made merely in my  
individual capacity as trustee. Mr. Bristol or Mr. Pickett  
can give you the legal aspect of the proposition.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

*My address for the summer will be Leguinitas,  
Marin Co., Calif. but I shall not reach  
there until a week or so from this time.*

June 14, 1913.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

At last Miss Bradley has been heard from. A copy  
of her letter, dated June 10, is herewith inclosed, and also  
a copy of my reply. Probably you or Mr. Bristol had better  
write her further.

I expect to start for California by automobile  
on Tuesday, the 17th, and shall be fully a month on the  
road. The only positive address I can give at this time  
is Laramie, Wyoming, which place I am not likely to reach  
before the end of the month. If before starting I have  
time to arrange a more definite schedule with less remote  
post office address, I will let you know.

When Hugo pays his interest, please send check  
to American Security & Trust Co, Washington, D.C, for  
deposit to account of C. Hart Merriam, Executor and Trustee.

I cannot answer your inquiry about the exact amount  
required to purchase an annuity in the Equitable Life, for  
the reason that I do not know Miss Bradley's birthday. She  
writes that she is in her 70th year. An annuity yielding  
\$1900 would therefore cost in the neighborhood of \$17,000. If  
you ascertain her birthday, you can easily obtain from the  
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Very truly yours,

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Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



October 24, 1913.

Dear Mr Pickett:

On arriving from California I went at once to New Haven (day before yesterday) expecting to see you there. But you were in New York.

I saw Mr Bristol and talked over the situation with him. Hugo is squirming about the payment, so we made a demand on him, in accordance with the terms of the mortgage--which you remembered better than I.

Respecting the method of distribution, I have drawn up a plan, enclosed herewith, which I shall be obliged if you will talk over with Mrs. Townsend. This will give her time to take advice as to the relative desirability of the several bonds, and if she for any reason preferred not to come to the meeting at which the selection is to be made, she could give you power of attorney to make the choice for her.

I had intended to call on Mrs Townsend while in New Haven but learned that she was not there.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Mr C. E. Pickett  
Box 125, New Haven.

*- enclosed letter -*

October 24, 1913.

Mr Royal H. Wilson  
1503 Cortelyou Road  
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of yesterday, just received, would state that I have made a written demand on Hugo for the payment of the mortgage, and that Mr Bristol and I shall use every effort to have the payment made at the earliest possible date.

As soon as this is paid I expect to purchase the annuities for Miss Bradley and Heli Hoadley and pay the Court and lawyers fees and other small debts that may be incurred in the settlement of the Estate. Then we shall be ready for the distribution.

Inasmuch as securities of all sorts are now at a very low ebb, the present is in my judgment an unfortunate time to sell--the bonds belonging to the Estate being worth more than we could get for them. For this reason a division of the bonds themselves would seem better than a sale of the same and division of the proceeds.

With this in view I have drawn up a plan of distribution by choice, which I am enclosing herewith. And I shall be obliged if you will discuss the same with your sisters and let me know how they feel about it. If you personally prefer a large part in cash, you could quickly sell enough bonds to meet your needs, or if you prefer, I could sell enough to pay you in cash such amount as you might designate.

As I have come all the way from California, at great personal inconvenience and pecuniary loss, to attend to this matter, you may be sure I shall push it as rapidly as possible.

I am awaiting word from Mr Bristol as to the Hugo payment.  
Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



Oct. 25, 1913

Dear Chapman:

Whe take yo 1/2 back home I  
 have sellen it de true, and I  
 accepta mid gin wine fleas  
 yo's beafament fo de holy  
 Sabbath day next befo de  
 sig meetin in yo's city.

Ie hiehn to solemnize de  
 opportunity by presentin myself  
 at yo's cho place de day befo  
 de Sabbath day yo discriminate  
 too to select yo to de  
 vicinity whole yo and yo wife  
 receive yo company -

Love

My woman and de chil, dey ap de come home  
 'fo de middle me month



October 29, 1913.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Your telegram in reply to mine just received. Thanks. Your letter of the 27th inclosing quitclaim deed to Hugo came last evening, and your letter of the 28th has just arrived.

It seems to me that it would be a good thing, if practicable, to have the annuities date from November 1. I have just had a talk with the president of the American Security & Trust Co., with which I have always kept the Hoadley Estate account. He tells me that if the check of \$25,000 from the New Haven Savings Bank is dated and mailed (registered) on November 1, I may draw checks on the same date for the two annuities. Hence if you can ascertain the exact amounts of these annuities and will let me know immediately (by wire or special delivery), I will send you, special delivery, the check or checks for the two annuities, dating the same November 1 so that they will reach you on that date. If for any reason this seems to you impracticable, you will of course let me know.

Herewith I inclose check for \$133.33 to the order of Simon J. Hugo, the same being rebated interest due him from November 1 to December 19, to be handed him by you on receipt

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of the \$25,000 in payment of the mortgage.

Wilson is very anxious to get his money in time to lift a mortgage falling due on November 1, but I do not see how we can pay it to him quite so soon.

Wilson and his sisters approve my plan of distribution, and agree to meet at your office at as early a date as possible for that purpose. Wilson wishes to know the date as early as practicable in order to notify one of his sisters, Mrs. Robertson, who lives at Providence, R.I. I should be glad therefore if you would name a date as early next week as you can, on which to transact this business. At the end of the week I expect to go away for a few days to attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists.

Immediately after the selection of the bonds by the several interests, the bonds chosen by each may be shipped by registered mail, insured by the Bankers Insurance, to a bank designated by each interest, accompanied by the proper legal receipt, said bank on turning over the securities to obtain the necessary signature and return receipt to me. The two banks here of which I have made inquiry tell me that this is the customary manner of transmitting securities and obtaining the necessary receipts. At the coming meeting at your office the several interests could give me the names of the banks to which they wish the securities sent. The cost of transmission in



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this way is only a trifle more than a third the express rates.

Under the circumstances I accept your advice as to the life insurance company from which the annuities should be purchased, namely the Connecticut Mutual.

The quitclaim deed to Hugo I have executed in accordance with your directions, and have obtained the certificate and seal of the District clerk, which you will find annexed.

On receipt of the check of \$25,000 from the New Haven Savings Bank in payment of the Hugo mortgage, please send same to me by registered mail, addressed to the Northumberland Apartments, Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

October 29, 1913.

Mr. Royal H. Wilson,  
1503 Cortelyou Road,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 26th instant came duly, and I was pleased to know that you and your sisters agree to my plan for the distribution of the estate.

Mr. Bristol has just written me that Hugo will pay the mortgage on November 1, and I have arranged to purchase the annuities immediately thereafter. I have also written Mr. Bristol asking him to name the earliest possible date at which we all may meet at his office to make the choice of bonds in accordance with the plan submitted. On hearing from Mr. Bristol, I will let you know at once (probably by wire) so that you may have time to notify Mrs. Robertson as long in advance as practicable.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



October 29, 1913.

Mr. W. I. Thayer,  
San Rafael, California.

Dear Mr. Thayer:

Thanks for your letter of the 16th instant, inclosing freight receipt from the Judson Forwarding Co. for my Chevrolet car and attachments, but you omitted to inclose your own bill, so that I do not know how much to send you. Please inform me as to the amount and I will remit at once.

I will notify the Chevrolet Co. to be on the lookout for the car.

Thanking you for your kind services in the matter,

Very truly yours,

*C. H. H. H.*



October 31, 1913.

Chevrolet Motor Co.  
Flint, Michigan.

Dear Sirs:

On October 14 I wrote you that I expected to ship my Chevrolet car (No. 179) to you by freight that day or the next. As a matter of fact, it was shipped from San Francisco by the Judson Freight Forwarding Co. on October 16, and by a blunder on their part was addressed to me at Flint, Michigan, although I gave them specific instructions to ship it to you. I am inclosing herewith the shipper's receipt, and shall be obliged if you will get the car on its arrival and put it in first-class condition as early as practicable.

You will observe that the damaged parts are in the car, namely, the pair of rear axles the square ends of which are twisted around, the bevel gear ring with broken teeth, and the set of hub-bearings for the left front wheel. The damaged gear ring, pinion, and case, which you replaced by parts sent to Reno, were returned to you from Reno by freight prepaid before I left California. The running board trunk which I carried on the trip was left attached to the car. It contains the tools and the tire hose. If you wish to get into it, I will send you the key. The present method of attachment is not good, as the strain comes on the top of the running board tool case. I would suggest that it would be better to use

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longer bolts and let them drop entirely through the tool case which might be stiffened by placing a broad washer or iron plate underneath. It would be a great improvement also if the running board trunk could be set ahead about an inch so that the rear door on that side could be opened. At present you will observe it cannot be opened more than a few inches.

My two Weed chains and jack are under the rear seat.

The rear casings are worn out and you may throw them away, replacing them by the extra pair on behind, but be sure and save the inner tubes. There is a serious difficulty about these over-size casings, inasmuch as they do not properly fit the Q D rims which came on the car. These rims are not broad enough to take in the over-size clincher casings, nor are they broad enough to take the filler strip which should be used when No-rim-cut casings are used. The result, as would be expected, is rim cutting. This is a serious matter, and I should like to know how you can remedy it. Can you supply rims broad enough for over-size tires, or would it be better to replace the present ~~ones~~ <sup>rims</sup> with Firestone rims?

The Goodyear Non-skid casings seemed to give good service, but the Goodyear inner tubes are no good: they are too thin and are continually splitting on the inner side so that it is impossible to repair them on the road. The splits along the line of fusion on the inner side have varied from an inch to a foot in length. I finally learned that the Michelin



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inner tubes never split and that they do not puncture easily, for which reason I threw away three Goodyear inner tubes, replacing them by Michelins. If I had had Michelin tubes in the beginning I would have made the trip in six days less time than I spent on the way -- the lay-overs for vulcanizing footing up to six days.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

PS. The freight bill according to the inclosed shipper's receipt is \$225.50. Will you add this to my final bill, or shall I send you a check for the amount now? - *C. Hart Merriam*

November 1, 1913.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

In re. Est. F. H. Headley

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Yours of October 30 at hand. Miss Bradley's address is Maria H. Bradley, 110 High Street, Peoria, Ill.

I note what you say about your preference for a personal delivery of the securities. This could be easily arranged by sending all the securities to a bank in New Haven designated by you. The only objection which I see to this is that my personal share would have to be shipped back again to Washington, involving two shipments. However, since these would be insured and the cost would be small, I am willing to adopt this course, and send the whole batch to New Haven.

In the case of registered bonds I suppose I could fill out the transfer blanks on the bonds themselves, but the new holder would have to return them to New York for record.

Can you give me a rough idea of the amount that will have to be reserved for court charges, lawyer's fees, and any other expenses you think of in connection with the final settlement of the estate? *And what do you regard as a proper charge for service of ~~and then~~?*

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

*Does the new Income Tax law hit us?*



November 3, 1913.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

In re Est. F.H.Hoadley

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Yours of the 1st instant inclosing draft of the New Haven Savings Bank on the National Park Bank of New York for \$25,000, the amount of the Hugo mortgage, has just arrived, and has been deposited by me to the account of the Hoadley Estate in the American Security and Trust. I can therefore pay for the annuities as soon as notified of the exact amounts, which I hope will be in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



November 4, 1913.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

In re Est. F.H. Hoadley

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Very many thanks for the information in your letter of yesterday, just received. Your view as to the income tax agrees with that of the president of the Washington Loan & Trust, and I have acted accordingly in depositing November coupons.

Herewith I inclose certified check for \$19,007 payable to the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co. for the annuities for Maria H. Bradley (\$16,767) and Heli Hoadley (\$2,240), which you will deliver to them on receipt of proper annuity contracts.

Thanks for data as to various charges. But are there not also court charges, and charges for one or two other lawyers who figured in the case?

My account for the year beginning March 19, 1913, is in good shape, but cannot be closed until the date of settlement is fixed so that the interest on the various bonds accruing since the payment of the last coupon can be determined.

As I wrote you a week or so ago, I expect to go to New York on the 8th to attend the annual congress of the American Ornithologists Union, and do not expect to return here until the 18th.

Very truly yours,

*Wm. Brewster*



November 5, 1913.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

In re Est. F.H.Hoadley

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Thanks for yours of the 4th instant just received. Miss Bradley may be worried by some of the conditions imposed by the insurance people. It seems strange that they will not sell an annuity to any one for any one without requiring an application from the beneficiary.

It is of course impossible for me to determine the exact amount coming to Miss Bradley until the date of issue of the annuity is fixed.

Herewith I am inclosing a condensed memorandum of the receipts and disbursements of the Hoadley Estate from March 13, 1913 to date. This is merely for your personal information, and has nothing to do of course with the account, which I shall complete as soon as I have the outstanding data. Obviously it will be impossible to close the account until the selection of securities by the several interests has been made, since, until this is done, we shall have no means of knowing which bonds are to be sold and what they will bring. At present market quotations they are worth approximately \$64,000.

Very truly yours,

*E. Hoadley*

I will send the statement to the Union National Bank & Trust Co. for their records.

ESTATE OF F. H. HOADLEY  
March 19, 1913 to Nov. 1913

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand March 20, 1913	\$ 758.74
Bank interest	6.98
Coupons of RR Bonds cashed March 19-Nov. 1 incl.	1648.75
Interest on 3000 registered bonds, Boston & Maine 3 1/2	52.50
" " 1000 Buffalo Municipal Bond 4s	20.00
" " 7000 New York City Municipals 3 1/2	245.00
" " Hugo Mtg. (Int. to Nov. 1, 1913)	866.67
Payment of Hugo Mtg.	25000.00
	<u>\$ 28,598.64</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Advertising Probate Account of yr. ending Mar. 19, 1913	3.00
Probate Court expenses " " " " " "	10.30
Maria H. Bradley on act. allowance, Mar. 19, 1913-Oct.	1200.00
Bal. due Maria Bradley on act. allowance to Nov. 15	
Heli Hoadley on act. allowance to Nov. 15	312.50
Purchase of annuity for Maria H. Bradley	16767.00
" " " " Heli Hoadley	2240.00
Due Maria Bradley in addition to annuity	939.50
Lawyer's fees & disbursements	827.50
Superior Court expenses	
Services of executor & trustee (3/4 yr.)	200.00
Executor & trustee for closing & distributing estate (including expenses)	300.00
Reserved to pay Probate Court, advertising, & incidental expenses	75.00



November 6, 1913.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

In working over my final account as executor and trustee of the Hoadley Estate, I am trying to get hold of the exact figures in as many cases as possible. I shall be greatly obliged therefore if you will kindly tell me whether or not you will have any additional charge against the estate. I assume that in getting the signatures of the various parties at interest last summer, you were working jointly in the interest of Mrs. Townsend and the estate. You have received \$100. In case you feel that more is due you from the estate, please let me know at once.

Did you succeed in obtaining that old insurance money, or is there any hope of obtaining it, or must I close the estate without reference to it?

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Hoadley*



November 7, 1913.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Thanks for your letters of the 5th and 6th instants.  
I have written Pickett to see if he has any additional charge.  
I sent him \$100 a short time ago.

It certainly is amazing that in this day and  
generation any one should sign an important legal document  
in pencil.

In trying to proceed as far as possible with my  
final account I have encountered several difficulties. Of course  
there must be two separate accounts or parts of the account: (1) the  
usual account to the Probate Court which begins March 19, 1913,  
and which it seems to me must close on the date of the purchase  
of the annuity; (2) an account of the distribution and final  
settlement. The valuations of the same securities in the two  
accounts will differ materially.

I am not quite clear as to how the final account can  
be absolutely closed, as there are several terminal uncertainties—  
such as the Probate Court expenses. Possibly this could be  
ascertained in advance. It ordinarily amounts to about \$10.

I am now leaving for New York. In case you wish to  
communicate with me before the 13th, my address will be  
American Museum of Natural History, care of Frank M. Chapman.

Very truly yours,

*C. M. Chapman*



November 13, 1913.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Thanks for your telegram of this morning, informing me that you have received the annuity contracts, and that they began to run November 11. I am glad to know also that Monday morning will be a convenient time for the several parties to meet in your office. I am setting the hour at 10:30 instead of 10 in order to allow time to reach your office from the station. I am notifying Pickett and Wilson.

This afternoon I have sent by registered mail, insured by the Bankers Insurance, \$39,000 of the bonds, in two envelopes, addressed Union & New Haven Trust Co., New Haven, Conn. For John W. Bristol. Tomorrow morning I will send the remainder in a similar manner. I suppose that the best way will be to leave them in the hands of the Trust Co. until the selection is made, when we can all go there together from your office and each of the interests can receive his or her share, giving receipts for the same.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. H. H. H.*

November 13, 1913.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Thanks for your letter of the 10th instant, which I found on my desk on returning to the city today. Herewith I inclose check for \$25, thus concluding payment for your services for the estate in accordance with your letter. I wish also to express my personal appreciation of the work you have done in securing the necessary signatures.

A telegram just received from Mr. Bristol names Monday morning next (Nov. 17) as a convenient date for the selection of the securities. I am notifying Mr. Wilson, and shall be obliged if you will notify Mrs. Townsend or secure from her power of attorney, if you are to act for her. The hour of the meeting will be 10:30 at Mr. Bristol's office.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. H. H. H.*



## TELEGRAM

Washington, D.C. Nov. 13, 1913

R. H. Wilson,

1503 Cortelyou Road,

Brooklyn, N.Y.

The meeting for the distribution of the Hoadley Estate will be held at Mr. Bristol's office on Monday morning, November seventeen, at ten thirty. Will you kindly notify your sisters?

*E. Hart Merriam*

November 14, 1913.

Union & New Haven Trust Co.  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sirs:

By the advice of Mr. John W. Bristol of your city I have sent you by registered mail three packages of securities, addressing the same to you and stating in the lower left hand corner, For John W. Bristol and E. Hart Merriam.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly hold these until called for by Mr. Bristol and myself, probably on Monday next, the 17th instant.

Respectfully,

*E. Hart Merriam*

PS. Two of these packages were mailed last evening, the other this morning.



November 14, 1913.

Crocker National Bank,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I inclose check for \$50, which  
I shall be obliged if you will credit to my account.

My address until April will be 1919 - 16th  
St. Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

November 14, 1913.

J. A. Saunders, Esq.  
Tax Collector,  
San Rafael, California.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I inclose check for \$48.97 in  
payment of the first and second installments of  
my taxes at Lagunitas for the year 1913, in  
accordance with the inclosed tax bill which has  
just reached me. A stamped envelop for return of  
receipt is inclosed herewith. I also inclose  
ten cents for collection.

Respectfully,

*C. Hart Merriam*



November 13, 1913.

Mr. R. H. Wilson,  
1503 Cortelyou Road,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

The annuities for Miss Maria H. Bradley and Heli Roadley have finally been secured, and Mr. Bristol has set Monday morning, the 17th instant, at 10:30 at his office, for the selection of securities and distribution of the estate. I do not know the addresses of your sisters, and therefore must depend on you to notify them. I am wiring you to that effect this evening (night letter, as it is now too late to catch you at your office).

Trusting that we may all meet in Mr. Bristol's office on Monday morning.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Merriam*



November 15, 1913.

Mr. George W. White,  
President, National Metropolitan Bank,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. White:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a detailed list of the securities belonging to the Hoadley Estate kindly sent by you by registered mail, insured, yesterday. The amount of the insurance and postage (\$3.91) is inclosed herewith.

Thanking you for your trouble in the matter,

very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam* -



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November 15, 1913.

Dear Miss Bradley:

Yours of yesterday has just arrived, as I am about to leave for New Haven to confer with Mr. Bristol.

I am glad to know that you will be here for some time, and shall hope to see you shortly. In a short time also I hope to have a substantial check ready for you.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. M. Sullivan*

Miss Maria H. Bradley,  
29 B St. NW,  
Washington D.C.

Original Defective



November 19, 1913.

A. I. Thayer & Sons,  
San Rafael, California.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your bill for shipment of my car. The amount (\$6.10) I am inclosing herewith. It is much less than expected.

Thanking you for your trouble in the matter, and with best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

*E. Hart Merriam*

November 19, 1913.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Yours of yesterday has just come to hand. Yes, I filed in New York my Trustee's Certificate from the Probate Court in the spring of 1911. You obtained these certificates for me, and I find an entry to the effect that they cost \$2. Whether or not a certified copy of the will was filed with them, I do not remember, but will look up at once and let you know.

These registered bonds are going to give us some annoyance for a few days, and either the estate or I personally will bear any costs that may be necessary in connection with the transfers.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Townsend,

Very truly yours,

*E. Hart Merriam*



November 19, 1913.

John W. Bristol, Esq.  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bristol:

I have just delivered to Miss Maria H. Bradley her annuity contract, and also my check for \$939.50 as per agreement, and have taken her receipt for the same. A copy of this receipt is inclosed herewith.

Is it going to be necessary to file certified copies of the will with all the companies whose registered bonds were held by the Hoadley Estate?

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Hoadley*



November 20, 1913.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Inasmuch as you are attending to the transfer of several of the Consolidated Ry. Co.'s bonds, I am inclosing mine herewith, and shall be greatly obliged if you will have it transferred to bearer and returned to me. It is accompanied by my certificate with signature guaranteed by Hibbs & Co, who assure me that in view of this fact, it need not be executed before a notary.

On looking over the Hoadley Estate papers in my possession I find that I do not possess a certified copy of the will, the only copy I have being the one herewith inclosed. Can this be certified, or must a new one be made in the office of the Probate Court?

Pickett writes that he is unable to secure the transfer of the New York City registered 3½s, as the New York people are unable to find the certified copy of the will and my certificate of trusteeship from the Probate Court, which I sent them at the time of purchase of these bonds in May 1911. I suppose therefore it will be necessary to file another copy of the will and certificate. Will you kindly have these prepared?

Very truly yours,

*E. Hart Merriam*

## ESTATE OF F. H. HOADLEY

## REGISTERED BONDS

	Mrs. Townsend	Mrs. Ludington	Royal	Mrs. Wilson	C. Hart Merriam	To be sold
8 Consol. Ry. Co. 4s, 1954; J & J		1	1	1	1	4
5 Conn. Ry. & Lt. Co. 4½s, 1951; J & J		2		2	1	
2 City of New York, Reg. 3½s, 1941; May & N	2					
1 City of New York, Reg. 3½s, 1919; May & N	1					
4 City of New York, Reg. 3½s, 1954; May & N			2		2	
1 City of Buffalo, Reg. 4s, 1960; Feb & Aug					1	
5 Boston & Maine, Reg. 3½s, 1923; Apr & Oct	1		1		1	

## ABOVE REGISTERED BONDS CHOSEN AS FOLLOWS:

## By Mrs. Townsend

- 1 City of New York, Reg. 3½s, 1919
- 2 City of New York, Reg. 3½s, 1941
- 1 Boston & Maine, Reg. 3½s, 1923

## By Mrs. M. C. Ludington

- 2 Conn. Ry. & Lt. Co. 4½s, 1951
- 1 Consol. Ry. Co. 4s, 1954

## By Mrs. Emily Robertson

- 2 Conn. Ry. & Lt. Co. 4½s, 1951
- 1 Consol. Ry. Co. 4s, 1954

## By C. Hart Merriam

- 1 Boston & Maine, Reg. 3½s, 1923
- 1 Consol. Ry. Co. 4s, 1954
- 1 Conn. Ry. & Lt. Co. 4½s, 1951
- 2 City of New York, Reg. 3½s, 1954
- 1 City of Buffalo, Reg. 4s, 1960

## By Royal H. Wilson

- 1 Boston & Maine, Reg. 3½s, 1923
- 1 Consol. Ry. Co. 4s, 1954
- 2 City of New York, Reg. 3½s, 1954

On enclosing a list of above registered bonds as effected, which you may find handy.



November 20, 1913.

The Chas. W. Scranton Co.  
103 Orange Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sirs:

In case you have not yet sold the 3000  
Boston & Maine registered 3½ I left with you on  
the 18th instant, I hereby authorize you to sell the  
same at the best figure you can get at or above 83½.

Respectfully,

*C. W. Scranton*



November 21, 1913.

Royal H. Wilson, Esq.  
1503 Cortelyou Road,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Yours of the 20th has just come to hand. With respect to the Boston & Maine bonds, I regret to state that I have just heard from New Haven that no bid at all had been offered for these, so that it has been impossible to sell them. If they are not sold in a day or two, perhaps I had better recall them and have the present certificate of three exchanged for three separate bonds to be distributed to the owners - yourself, Mrs. Townsend, and myself.

The Consolidated Ry. bonds also have not had any bidder.

Regretting these facts,

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Wilson*

PS. If you or your sisters are put to any expense in connection with the transfer of any of these registered bonds, I shall be glad to remit the amounts so expended.



November 23, 1913.

Mr. C. C. Tegethoff  
475 Fifth Avenue  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Tegethoff:

Replying to your letter of the 21st inst: The letter you enclose amazes me. It is true that Mr. Hone married my brother's daughter--a most energetic and capable girl. But personally I hardly know Mr. Hone, having seen him only 3 or 4 times. I am astonished to learn that he has written Mrs. Harriman for assistance, and annoyed that he has used my name. However, I know from my brother's family more or less of the farming enterprise in which he and his wife are engaged and which I believe he has correctly described in his letter. He is an engineer by profession and occupation, building trolley lines and doing various other kinds of construction work. For several years he has been developing plans for the improvement of farming--particularly dairy farming--in northern New York, where the farmers get only about 3 cts. per quart for their milk, though it sells in New York for 9 cts. He has worked out schemes for the redemption and improvement of worn out and unproductive lands, and for the utilization of cream and other dairy products (including the making of koumiss, cream cheeses and so on) by means of which the farmers might realize better profits--for the 3 cts they now receive for milk hardly pays the cost of feed and running expenses.

You ask for "information" and advice". Above I have given such meager information as I possess. The only advice I should

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venture to offer would be that in case Mrs. Harriman feels disposed to endorse the project, that she first obtain from Mr. Hone a definite statement of the amount he wishes her endorsement for, for the period of five years. His failure to indicate the amount seems unbusinesslike.

I believe Mr. Hone to be thoroughly honest, sincere, and competent, but his request for aid from Mrs. Harriman was certainly very bold.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Harriman*



November 25, 1913.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Today's mail brought me a check of \$3,103.55 from the Chas. W. Scranton Co. in payment for the \$4000 Consolidated Ry. Co.'s bonds left with them for sale. They secured the price asked — 76 and interest.

This will enable me to close the account as soon as I hear from you as to the exact amount of your bill with expenses, and the amount of the Probate Court fee. The latter of course cannot be determined until a complete copy of the account is available in order to know the number of pages. I shall try to have this ready tomorrow.

About the registered bonds in process of transfer or awaiting transfer: Have copies of the will and certificates of my trusteeship been furnished to the City of New York so that the bonds still in my hands may be transferred by sending to the proper authority?

In the case of the single certificate which I hold for \$4000 City of New York registered 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>s of 1954, to be divided between Royal Wilson and myself (\$2000 each), another question arises: Will the New York law permit me as Executor and Trustee to transfer to myself as an individual? Or

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must an order of the court be had in order to accomplish this transfer?

The balance due Miss Maria H. Bradley is, according to my account, \$394.30, of which \$88.13 is balance of one-half net income and \$306.17 accrued interest. I suppose I would be safe enough in paying her this at once, although I have usually withheld the final payment until after the acceptance of my account by the Probate Court.

Very truly yours,

*C. Eastman*



November 25, 1913.

The Chas. W. Scranton Co.  
103 Orange Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your letter of the 24th instant  
and accompanying check of \$3,103.55, as per accompanying  
statement for \$4000 Consolidated Railway Co. 4% Debentures  
of 1954 sold, for which I am very much obliged.

This leaves in your hands only the \$3000  
Boston & Maine Registered 3½s of 1923, which I trust  
you may sell in the near future.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



November 26, 1913.

Miss Maria H. Bradley,  
29 B Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Bradley:

Herewith I inclose check for \$394.30, the same being the remainder due you from the Hoadley Estate. Of this amount \$88.13 is the balance of half the net income for the current year to November 11, the date when your annuity began to run (\$1200 having been previously paid you in three quarterly installments). The remaining \$306.17 is half the accrued interest on bonds and cash in bank to November 11.

Kindly sign and return the inclosed receipt.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Washington, D.C. November ,1913.

RECEIVED of C. Hart Merriam, Executor and Trustee,  
Estate of F. H. Hoadley, deceased, the sum of Three Hundred  
Ninety-four Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$394.30), the same being  
the balance in full due me in the final settlement of the Hoadley  
Estate, as per agreement and judgment of the Court.

Of the \$394.30, the receipt of which is hereby  
acknowledged, \$88.13 is the balance of half the net income to  
November 11, 1913; \$306.17 is half the accrued interest to the  
same date.



November 28, 1913.

Mr. Royal H. Wilson,  
1503 Cortelyou Road,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The four Consolidated Ry. bonds have been sold, and I have received a check for the amount and deposited the same to the account of the Hoadley Estate. But the \$3000 Boston & Maine Reg. 3½s remain unsold, the New Haven broker writing that he has had no bid for them. Two brokers in this city, whom I have consulted, tell me that there have been no sales for some time. These registered bonds you will remember are covered by a single certificate so that they must either be sold and the money divided as we planned, or new certificates must be made out for the three owners. If you approve of this latter course, I will have the certificate returned at once, and will set the machinery agoing to have three new certificates issued in its stead.

The new certificates for the City of New York Reg. 3½s of 1954 will be several days in coming for the reason that I have only today received the necessary certified copy of the will and certificates of my trusteeship from the Probate Court of New Haven.

Regretting these delays, which are very annoying,

Very truly yours,

*W. H. Murray*



November 29, 1913.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Yours of the 28th at hand. Your feeling about the Boston & Maine bonds agrees with my own, and I wrote Wilson a couple of days ago asking if I had not better give up trying to sell the bonds and have the shares transferred to the three owners. I expect to hear from him Monday. In this case the difficulty already mentioned is likely to arise again, namely, the transfer of a registered bond by a trustee to the same person who is trustee. What the Maine law is I do not know, but this complication is proving a great nuisance.

As to Heli Hoadley's monthly payments, you and Pickett may be right and I wrong. I have just looked the matter up so far as it is in my power to do so. In my copies of the old account filed by Judge Townsend in May 1900, Schedule I is entitled "Amounts advanced to legatees under will." The first page of this schedule comprises payments to Heli Hoadley from March 1, 1897 to March 2, 1900. Similarly, in the account for 1895 the heading is "Cash advanced Heli Hoadley". After Judge Townsend's death, when I became acting executor, I supposed the payments were made on the first of

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each month for the ensuing month, and have so entered them uniformly in my ledger. This however may be an error, as you suggest, and I am perfectly willing to assume that the payment was for the previous month, as in the case of Maria Bradley's quarterly payments. In this case, instead of asking a rebate from Heli, it will be necessary to pay him \$13.70 as his allowance from November 1 - 10 inclusive. Assuming this to be correct, I am sending Mr. Pickett a check for \$13.70 with a request that he be good enough to hand the amount to Heli. The various changes necessitated by this in my account I will make at once.

Many thanks for your trouble in having the Consolidated Ry. 4% bond of 1954 (No. 4538) transferred to bearer and returned to me. I received it this morning. As the cost of sending it was 25 cents, I assume the return was the same, and am inclosing this amount herewith.

Very truly yours,

*E. W. Townsend*



November 29, 1913.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Mr. Bristol has just written me about the matter of Heli Hoadley's payments, as to whether the amount paid the first of each month was for the ensuing or previous month. I have just looked the matter up in the old accounts without finding satisfactory evidence either way. In the original administration account filed by Judge Townsend in May 1900, Schedule I was devoted to "Amounts advanced to legatees under will". The first page of this schedule comprised payments to Heli. The word advanced was used also in subsequent accounts. And since Judge Townsend's death I find that my entries are uniformly for the month on the first of which payment was made through you. However, there being no real evidence to the contrary, I am perfectly willing to assume that you and Mr. Bristol are right, and that the payments were in all cases for the previous month. On this assumption the estate owes Heli \$13.70 for the first ten days of November, according to the method of figuring specified in the agreement. I am therefore taking the liberty to inclose check of \$13.70 to your order, trusting you will be good enough to hand the amount to Heli.

Our last letters crossed. The copy of the will and certificate of my trusteeship ordered by Mr. Bristol for use

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in transferring the New York registered bonds reached me only yesterday. I am forwarding the same to New York through Hibbs & Co. so that the New York bonds held by Mrs. Townsend and the others may be transferred next week.

As it has proved impossible to sell the Boston & Maine registered bond, Mr. Bristol and I both feel that it will be better to withdraw the same and have new certificates issued to the present owners.

Very truly yours,

*C. E. Pickett*



December 1, 1913.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Herewith I am handing you a copy of my account of the Hoadley Estate from March 19, 1913 to date. It is in two parts, the first part (pages 1-5) covering the period from March 19 to Nov. 10 inclusive; the second part (pages 6-10) being the final account with the Trust Estate, and covering the purchase of annuities and final distribution. This latter account I cannot close for the reason that two items are unknown to me, namely, the amount finally due you for fees and disbursements, and the Probate Court fees. If you will kindly insert these in the proper places on page 7 of the account (page 2 of the final account), it will then be easy to complete the account as a whole and calculate the sums to be divided among the remaindermen.

I assume that the date in the lower left-hand corner of the first page should be the date of execution of the account as a whole. Is this correct? Should I also sign the end of the account proper at the bottom of page 7?

If you will kindly examine the account as a whole, make any corrections, criticisms, or alterations of any kind which you may deem necessary and return the same to me, I

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shall be greatly obliged. I will then execute the account and return the same to you at once, and will send duplicates to Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. Ludington, Mrs. Robertson, and Royal H. Wilson.

You thought it best to include with the account copies of the agreement and judgment (Exhibit A) and of the distribution of November 17<sup>th</sup> (Exhibit B). I assume that you will supply the copies necessary. These with the account as it stands will, I suppose, furnish the clerk of the Probate Court the necessary data on which to give us the much needed memorandum of what the Probate fee will be, so the account may be absolutely closed without aftermath. I do not suppose it makes any difference whether the amounts paid by you for certified copies of the will and certificates of my trusteeship are entered under your expenses or mine. If you think it better to enter them under mine, please let me know the amounts to date and I will change my account accordingly.

In my early draft of this account I made the mistake of crediting the interest on the Hugo mortgage as \$366.67, whereas the amount actually paid during the period covered by the account (March 19-Nov. 10) is \$366.67. The correction of this error and the changing of the amount paid to Heli from \$305.37 to \$347.04 has necessitated a considerable number of changes, but I trust the account is correct as it now stands. If not, you will of course let me know.

Very truly yours,



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December 1, 1913.

The Chas. W. Scranton Co.  
103 Orange Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sirs:

If you have not yet been able to sell the  
\$3000 Bonds of the Boston & Maine 3½s, I shall be  
obliged if you will kindly return the same to me by  
registered mail, addressing the package to me care of  
National Metropolitan Bank, Washington, D.C. Please inclose  
a memorandum of postage, registration, or any other  
expenses you have been put to in connection with the same,  
and I will remit by return mail.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Scranton*



December 3, 1913.

The Chas. W. Scranton Co.  
103 Orange Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sirs:

Many thanks for your courtesy in returning  
the \$3000 Boston & Maine Reg. 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>s, which I found at  
the National Metropolitan Bank this morning. I am  
obliged for your efforts in attempting to dispose of  
the same, and am inclosing postage herewith.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Scranton*



December 4, 1913.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Your letter of the 3d instant just received.

In reply to your inquiry as to what income was collected on or after November 1, 1913, would state that \$422.50 (interest on bonds bearing date of November 1) was collected by me.

In reply to your further question as to the total income collected from March 1, 1913, to date, would refer you to Schedule A of the account sent you a few days ago, showing income collected March 19 to November 10 inclusive, amounting to \$2,389.57. The only income additional to this was \$246.25 (bond interest) collected on March 1 and accounted for in the account for year ending March 19, 1913. Adding this to the income subsequent to March 19 gives a total of \$2,635.82 for the period covered by the new income tax law. At most therefore, even if it were ruled that the amounts paid Maria and Heli under the will were to be included in the income subject to tax, the amount in excess of the \$2500 exempted during the present year would leave only \$135.82 as subject to the 1% tax -- an amount so trifling that I do not feel like paying any attention to it, as I am perfectly willing to pay

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it personally if called upon to do so.

I am most anxious to close the account exactly so that there may be no additional payments of any kind to be credited to or charged against the estate.

Hoping to receive the account from you soon,

Very truly yours,

*Edw. H. Harrison*



December 3, 1913.  
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Frank E. Davis Fish Co.  
Gloucester, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of the 2d instant with invoice of shipment arrived this morning, and the goods have just come to hand by express. The 7 packages appeared from the outside to be in good condition and were receipted for. On opening them we find one bottle of clam extract broken, and one can of shrimps shy (11 cans received). I do not care much for shrimps, but am sorry to lose the clam extract.

My check for the additional \$2 mentioned is inclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

*C. H. Merriam*



December 5, 1913.

Probate Court,  
District of New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I am inclosing check of \$32.10 in payment of the two accompanying bills for certificates and certified copies of the will, Estate of Frederick H. Hoadley, deceased. Kindly return receipt to above address, and oblige

very truly yours,

*C. H. Hoadley*  
*and wife*

December 5, 1913.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
43 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Your note of the 4th instant received, with inclosed bill of \$28 for copies of the will and certificates in the Hoadley Estate matter. The same mail brought a similar bill from Pickett, amounting to \$4.10. I am therefore sending the Probate Court direct, in accordance with your suggestion, my check for \$32.10 in payment of these two bills.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Hoadley*



December 8, 1913.

Mr. W. H. Ludington,  
875 Park Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Sir:

Herewith I inclose a copy of my final account as Executor and Trustee of the Estate of Frederick H. Hoadley, deceased, and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly examine the same and let me know if you find any errors of any kind. I should have sent it earlier but have only today received from New Haven the exact amounts of Mr. Bristol's account and of the Probate Court charges.

If the account is found to be correct, I will send checks for the small remainder due to each of the remaindermen.

Have you succeeded in securing the transfer of Mrs. Ludington's Registered Bonds (Consolidated Ry. 4s and Conn. Ry. & Ltg. 4½s)?

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Muriam*

December 8, 1913.

Mr. Royal H. Wilson,  
1503 Cortelyou Road,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Sir:

Herewith I inclose a copy of my final account as Executor and Trustee of the Estate of Frederick H. Hoadley, deceased, and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly examine the same and let me know if you find any errors of any kind. I should have sent it earlier, but have only today received from New Haven the exact amounts of Mr. Bristol's account and of the Probate Court charges.

If the account is found to be correct, I will send checks for the small remainder due to each of the remaindermen.

I regret to say that the new certificates for your \$1000 Boston & Maine Reg. 3½s and for your \$2000 City of New York Reg. 3½s have not yet been received by me, but I am expecting them daily and will send to you as soon as they reach me. Will you kindly give me the name of your bank so that I may send them by registered mail, insured, to the bank for you.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Muriam*



December 8, 1913.

Mr. H. R. Robertson,  
31 Cabot Street,  
Providence, Rhode Island.

My dear Sir:

Herewith I inclose a copy of my final account as Executor and Trustee of the Estate of Frederick H. Hoadley, deceased, and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly examine the same and let me know if you find any errors of any kind. I should have sent it earlier but have only today received from New Haven the exact amounts of Mr. Bristol's account and of the Probate Court charges.

If the account is found to be correct, I will send checks for the small remainder due to each of the remaindermen.

Have you succeeded in securing the transfer of Mrs. Robertson's Registered Bonds (Consolidated Ry. 4s and Conn. Ry. & Ltg. 4½s)?

Very truly yours,

*E. H. Merriam*

December 8, 1913.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Herewith I inclose copy of my final account as Executor and Trustee of the Hoadley Estate, and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly look it over critically in the interest of Mrs. Townsend and let me know if you find any errors of any kind.

By same mail I am sending copies to the three Kimberley heirs. If the account is found correct and is accepted by the Probate Court, I will send check for the balance due Mrs. Townsend, which as I figure it is \$369.50.

Very truly yours,

*E. H. Merriam*







December 10, 1913.

Mr. Royal H. Wilson,  
1503 Cortelyou Road,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Wilson:

Your letter of the 8th instant is before me. The \$3000 Boston & Maine bonds, for which I could obtain no bid, I sent to Boston to have new certificates issued for \$1000 each, in the name of the present owners. These certificates have not yet reached me. As soon as received you may be sure I will forward yours to you.

The certificate (No. 2801) for your \$2000 Corporate Stock of the City of New York, Reg. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ s of 1954, reached me this morning, and I am inclosing same herewith, without waiting to hear from you as to your bank. It seems perfectly safe to send this certificate by registered mail inasmuch as it is a registered bond and could not be transferred except by you. It is impossible to have these registered bonds transferred to bearer for the reason that there would be no address to which interest checks could be sent. Kindly acknowledge receipt on the accompanying form.

Regretting the delay in the receipt of these certificates,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Brooklyn, N.Y., Dec. , 1913.

Received of C. Hart Merriam, Executor and  
Trustee, Estate of Frederick H. Hoadley, deceased,  
\$2000 Corporate Stock of the City of New York, Registered  
3 $\frac{1}{4}$ s of 1954, Certificate No. 2801.



December 10, 1913.

Lee, Higginson & Co.  
43 Exchange Place,  
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your bond circular of December 1.  
I shall be obliged if you will kindly purchase for me  
\$500 Virginia Ry. Co. 1st mtg. 5% Gold Bonds, 1962.

Very truly yours,

*Edw. Higgins*



December 12, 1913.

Lee, Higginson & Co.  
43 Exchange Place,  
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for yours of the 11th instant, notifying me that you have for me \$500 Virginian Ry. 5s of 1962, amounting to \$491.67. This amount is inclosed herewith by certified check.

Kindly send bond to me care National Metropolitan Bank, Washington, D.C.

I should be obliged also for a copy of your Circular of Information respecting the income tax.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



December 15, 1913.

My dear Mr. Sheldon:

Thanks for your letter of the  
11th instant, informing me of the  
death of my cousin, James Knox Bagg.  
Florence and I had previously learned  
of his death from my brother.

Thanking you for your trouble  
in writing, and with kind regards to  
your sister Miss Grace,

Very truly yours,

*E. M. Johnson*

Theodore B. Sheldon, Esq.  
901 Ellicott Square,  
Buffalo, N.Y.



December 15, 1913.

W. B. Hibbs & Co.  
Hibbs Building,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for sending me a letter from H. E. Fisher, Treasurer of the Boston & Maine Railroad, dated Boston, December 11, 1913, and addressed to Hayden, Stone & Co. of Boston. This letter relates to the transfer of a \$3000 bond of the Boston & Maine Rd. which I hold as trustee under the will of Frederick H. Hoadley, deceased. This bond, you will remember, you tried to sell at or about 83, but were unable to find a bidder. I therefore asked you to have it divided into three bonds of \$1000 each, the same to be transferred share and share alike to Royal H. Wilson, Mrs. Mary L. Townsend, and Mrs. Florence M. Bailey. Is there any reason why this cannot be done at once without submitting any further papers from the Probate Court than those already sent, namely, a certified copy of the Will and Probate certificate that I am sole surviving trustee of the estate? Under similar papers you have recently completed for me precisely similar transfers of bonds of Connecticut Ry. & Ltg. Co, the Consolidated Ry. Co, and corporate stock of the City of New York.

Very truly yours,

Executor & Trustee, Estate Frederick H. Hoadley.

December 15, 1913.

Mr. Royal H. Wilson,  
1503 Cortelyou Road,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Wilson:

Your receipt for the \$2000 corporate stock of the City of New York Reg. 31s of 1954 reached me several days ago, for which I am obliged. But I have not yet heard from you in connection with my final account, a copy of which I inclosed in my letter of the 8th instant. I shall be very glad to know at your early convenience whether or not you find any errors of any kind in the account.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Hoadley*



December 15, 1913.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Thanks for your letter of the 10th instant, particularly for the admirable form of receipt which you were good enough to inclose, copies of which I will send to the several remaindermen along with the check for the payment of their final balance.

Ludington and Robertson have both written pleasant letters stating that they find no errors in the account. But Pickett objects to the entry of \$125 paid him for services and disbursements, on the ground that inasmuch as in the regular accounts each year I have seen fit to pay him out of my own pocket I should continue to do so in this final account. I have already lost so much money this year in connection with the estate's business that the amounts charged for services will not cover my personal loss, and I therefore felt that it was only right that the Pickett item should be paid by the estate instead of by me personally. I have written Pickett to this effect, and hope to hear from him shortly.

The only person remaining to be heard from on the account is Royal Wilson.

Robertson writes: "I am holding the Consolidated

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Ry. bond which I understand Mr. Bristol has had transferred on the books of the company." As I do not quite grasp the situation, would you be willing to drop a line to Mr. Robertson on the subject?

The troubles and delays caused by the transfer of these registered bonds seem interminable, and I have not yet been able to secure the transfer of the Boston & Maine. I find myself embarrassed by the absence of a copy of the will, having sent you a couple of weeks ago the only copy in my possession. I asked you at the time whether the copy sent could be certified. You sent me in return a certified copy, which I was obliged to send to New York in connection with the transfer of the New York City registered bonds, but you did not return the copy I sent you. If it is still in your office, I shall be obliged if you will kindly send it back, as I need it to refer to.

Very truly yours,

*E. Hart*



December 15, 1913.

Mr. W. H. Ludington,  
875 Park Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of the 9th instant, which reached me last week. I have now heard from everybody except Mr. Wilson, and am hoping to hear from him in a day or two.

If you have any difficulty in securing the transfer of the Consolidated Ry. 4s, please let me know. I am obliged to you for returning the account. Probably I can send you a duplicate copy a little later when the whole matter is closed. I will send check for balance as soon as the thing is closed.

With kind regards to Mrs. Ludington,

Very truly yours,

*C. K. McMurry*



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December 16, 1913.

Mr. E. B. Gardner,  
Agent, Lagunitas Development Co.  
San Geronimo, California.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

The water bill for 1913, amounting to \$6,  
has at last arrived, and my check for the amount is  
inclosed herewith.

I am obliged also for the rate rulings of the  
Commission, and shall be very glad to abide thereby.

Trusting that you and yours are well and  
pleasantly situated in your new home,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart* -



December 18, 1913.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Thanks for your letter of yesterday just received. My last letter to you was written just at closing time, when I was tired and in a hurry to get away from office. On looking it over I see that I omitted what should have been the most important part, and that by reason of this omission I have misled you as to my attitude about the value of your services. What I intended to say was that your services in what might be called the regular annual account amounted to very little this year, consisting in the monthly payments to Heli. You were not called upon to copy the account or to advertise or file the same, these functions in this particular instance having fallen upon Mr. Bristol. I intended to say that you had evidently done a very considerable amount of work in connection with the final settlement - in arranging for the annuities, in obtaining the various signatures, and in other ways. It seemed to me therefore that the charge for your services and disbursements, amounting to \$125, was a just and proper charge against the estate in the final settlement account. I therefore so entered it, and, as stated in a former letter, I sent copies of the

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final account to Ludington, Robertson, Wilson, yourself, and Mr. Bristol. I have now heard from all of these persons, and all with the exception of yourself express their full approval of the account as it stands. Of course as a matter of fact, it makes little difference whether the amount in question is added to my charge for services or left where it is, except that if added to my charge it would make this relatively larger than in former years, which might raise an objection. But the principal objection to the change at this late day is, as already stated, that the account in its present form has been examined and approved by all of the persons thought likely to criticize it, and to change it now would mean rewriting the account and either resubmitting to all the persons interested, or filing in the altered form you suggest, which would almost certainly lead to criticism, as it would appear that I had added \$100 to my charge for services after the account had been submitted.

To recapitulate: My point of view is that your services during the past year have been mainly in arranging for the final settlement, and therefore are a just charge against the estate. In this view Mr. Bristol fully concurs. I very much regret that in my previous letter I failed to express the idea that was in my head. And I regret very much that you drew the very erroneous inference that I underrate the value of your services to the estate. On the



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contrary, I am well aware that you did a large amount of good work in bringing about the settlement, and am even willing to go so far as to admit that had it not been for you, working jointly in the interest of Mrs. Townsend and of the estate, the final settlement might not have been accomplished.

Very truly yours,

*A. H. Thurman*



December 22, 1913.

Mr. W. H. Ludington,  
875 Park Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I inclose check for \$123.17 in payment of remaining balance in full to Mrs. Ludington in the final settlement of the Hoadley Estate, and shall be obliged if you will kindly ask Mrs. Ludington to sign the accompanying receipt and return the same to me.

I trust that the transfer of the remaining registered bonds has been accomplished before this.

Herewith I inclose for your file a complete copy of my final account as it goes to the Probate Court for approval.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Muniam*

December 22, 1913.

Mr. Heaton R. Robertson,  
31 Cabot Street,  
Providence, R.I.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I inclose for Mrs. Robertson check of \$123.18, the same being payment in full of balance due her in the final distribution of the Hoadley Estate.

I shall be obliged if she will kindly sign and return to me the accompanying receipt.

Trusting that her Consolidated Railway bond has now been properly transferred,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Muniam*



December 22, 1913.

Mr. Royal H. Wilson,  
1503 Cortelyou Road,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thanks for your letter of the 17th instant, approving my final account, a copy of which had been sent you some time previously.

Herewith I inclose check for \$123.17, the same being balance in full due you in the final distribution of the estate. Kindly sign and return the inclosed receipt and oblige.

The subdivision and transfer of that Boston & Maine bond has caused no end of trouble, and is not yet accomplished. But Mr. Bristol writes me that in case the railroad officials do not make the transfer before my final account is approved by the Probate Court, he will on the approval of the account obtain a document from the Probate Court which will settle the matter.

Regretting very much this tedious and annoying delay,

Very truly yours,

*E. West Harrison*

December 22, 1913.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Herewith I inclose for Mrs. Townsend check for \$369.50, the same being payment in full of balance due her in the final distribution of the Hoadley Estate. I shall be obliged if Mrs. Townsend will kindly sign and return to me the accompanying receipt.

Very truly yours,

*E. West Harrison*



December 22, 1913.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letters of the 16th and 18th instants. I have delayed executing the account until today, hoping to hear from Pickett in reply to a long letter which I wrote him a few days ago, and which I think must have cleared up the situation so far as he is concerned. Meanwhile I have received a letter from Wilson dated December 17, in which he says of the account: "I find everything perfectly satisfactory." Inasmuch as the three Kimberley children have now expressed themselves as entirely satisfied with the account, I agree with you that it is hardly fair to wait longer for Pickett. So I have executed the account exactly as it was when copies were sent to the remaindermen, and am inclosing same to you herewith, trusting that you will be willing to attend to the advertisement and the filing with the Probate Court. Herewith I inclose check to your order of \$25.15 (for payment of the advertisement \$3, and the Probate fees for copying and filing the account \$22.15, as per your recent letter). I am inclosing herewith as likely to be

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needed for reference two receipted bills of the Probate Court dated December 3, one to Pickett amounting to \$4.10, the other to yourself amounting to \$28 (in all \$32.10) for certificates and certified copies of the will. [The one from Pickett is the only bill I have had from him.] These items along with the \$22.15 just mentioned make up the total \$54.25 entered on page 7 as Cash paid or to be paid for Probate fees.

Just what receipts should accompany this account? Copies of the annuity contracts and of the distribution account of November 17 (Exhibit B) I believe you expect to file with the account. Shall I send you the final receipt from Maria Bradley and the receipts for payment of final balances to the remaindermen? And are there any others which should go in with this final account?

My affidavit with attached clerk's certificate concerning my identity and that of the Cornelia Kimberley-Wilson children is inclosed herewith.

Many thanks for the certified copy of the will.

Very truly yours,

PS. To save delay I have decided to inclose Maria Bradley's receipt of November 19 for her annuity contract No. 131 of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Hartford, and for the \$939.50 cash as per agreement. If any of these receipts are not needed, they might be returned to me.



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Washington, D.C. November 19, 1913.

RECEIVED of C. Hart Merriam, Surviving Executor and Trustee under the Will of Frederick H. Hoadley, deceased, Annuity Contract No. 131 of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn. in favor of Maria H. Bradley, providing for the payment of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450) quarterly, beginning February 11, 1914, to the said Maria H. Bradley, of Peoria, Illinois, during her lifetime.

ALSO RECEIVED of said C. Hart Merriam the sum of Nine Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$939.50) in cash, as provided in a certain agreement between the beneficiary interests in the Estate of Frederick H. Hoadley, deceased, and as ordered in a judgment of the Superior Court of the County of New Haven, Conn. terminating said Trust, dated New Haven, October 10, 1913.

Maria H. Bradley



December 26, 1913.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Thanks for yours of the 23d instant with inclosure. I supposed the certificate sent was sufficient for both documents as both were executed by the same notary. However I have this morning secured the additional certificate asked for and have had it attached to the second page as you direct, and am returning the same to you.

Since writing you I have received final receipts from Ludington, Robertson, and Royal Wilson, but not from Mrs. Townsend. In place of the latter, I have a letter from Pickett stating that he thinks they should have the Boston & Maine bond before signing this receipt. Extraordinary, isn't it? I am reminding Pickett by this mail that the distribution account covers the Boston & Maine, and that I took the bond as a personal matter, expecting to sell it at once and distribute the cash, but owing to our inability to sell, as you know, and the unwillingness of the Boston & Maine Co. to make the transfer until they receive a certificate from the Probate Court, the thing is at a standstill, and I suppose must remain so until after the account is finally approved.

You say nothing about additional receipts. I can

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send you those covering the payment of final balances and any others you may wish.

Very truly yours,

*E. W. Thurman*

PS. As it seems to me that the receipts of final balances by the remaindermen are likely to be needed in connection with the filing of the account, I am inclosing four herewith, namely, th from Ludington, Robertson, Wilson, and myself, and have asked Pickett either to send Mrs. Townsend's to me or to give it to you direct. It would save time doubtless if it goes to you direct. Perhaps if you phone Pickett he may be willing to let you have it.



December 26, 1913.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Yours of the 24th received without the receipt. Doubtless you have forgotten that the Boston & Maine bonds were included in the distribution of November 17, and receipted for by the three persons by whom they were chosen, namely, Mrs. Townsend, Royal H. Wilson, and myself. The bond being registered and in the form of a single certificate for the \$3000, I took the certificate as a personal matter, by agreement with you and Wilson, for the purpose of selling the same and distributing the cash, and gave you and Wilson each a receipt to this effect. After trying in vain to sell the bond in New Haven, New York, and Washington, I finally sent it to the Boston office of the company to be split up and transferred. The company refused to make this transfer until they should receive a certificate from the Probate Court authorizing the same. This certificate Mr. Bristol writes me he will obtain when the final account is accepted. I am therefore unable either to sell or transfer the bonds to Mrs. Townsend and Royal Wilson until the filing of the above mentioned certificate.

I have now received and forwarded to Mr. Bristol for filing with the account four of the five receipts covering the final balances to each of the remaindermen, thus completing their distributive shares of the estate. The only outstanding receipt is that from Mrs. Townsend. I shall be obliged if you will kindly ask Mrs. Townsend to sign this, and either return it to me or give it to Mr. Bristol so that it may be filed with the others. Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*

December 26, 1913.

Herbert E. Fisher, Esq.  
Treasurer, Boston & Maine Railroad,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your notice concerning the payment of January interest and certificate relating to the income tax are at hand. I seem to be helpless in the matter, inasmuch as you have declined to divide and transfer the certificate sent you for \$3000 registered 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of 1923. In accordance with the terms of the will of Frederick H. Hoadley, deceased, a copy of which is on file along with the bond in question, I am instructed as executor and trustee "to keep the same [personal property] properly invested, and the real estate properly insured" &c. In obedience to the above I have bought and sold securities at discretion as deemed for the best interest of the estate, and my right to do so has never before been questioned. Inasmuch however as you are unwilling to transfer the bond as requested, I shall be obliged to secure a certificate from the Probate Court of New Haven, which probably will take about two weeks.

As the bond certificate <sup>is to be</sup> transferred to three different persons, I of course cannot fill out the certificate as to the income tax.

Respectfully,

*C. Hart*  
*Sec. & Trustee, with H. Hoadley*



December 27, 1913.

Mr. W. H. Ludington,  
875 Park Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

This is simply to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of the 23d  
instant, inclosing receipt from Mrs.  
Ludington for final balance.

I am glad to know that you have  
at last received back all of the registered  
bonds properly transferred.

With the compliments of the  
season,

Very truly yours,

*W. H. Ludington*



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January 2, 1914.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Thanks for your letters of December 30 and 31,  
and for the receipted bill of the Probate Court for \$22.95.

In addition to the 80 cents which you have paid  
out of your own pocket, you have sent at least 5 registered  
letters, and when the account is approved, you are going  
to get some kind of a certificate for me from the Probate  
Court so that the Boston & Maine people may feel justified  
in making the transfer of the \$3000 bond, which they still  
hold. Will you kindly pay the cost of this document,  
whatever it may be, and let me know the amount, so that  
I can cover the outstanding odds and ends in a single check.

I am glad to know that Pickett has sent you  
Mrs. Townsend's receipt, so that you now have the entire  
batch. It does not now look as if any one could have  
anything to say in objection to the account. However, should  
you deem it necessary for me to be on hand Monday morning,  
kindly wire me at Manhattan Hotel, 42d Street, New York  
City, as I expect to go to New York tomorrow for a day or  
two.

Very truly yours,

*E. W. Pickett*







January 10, 1914.

Mr. Royal H. Wilson,  
1503 Cortelyou Road,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Yours of the 8th instant at hand. As I wrote you some time ago, the Boston & Maine people decline to transfer the bond in question until they have received a certificate from the Probate Court. This could not be prepared until after the final approval of the account and distribution by the Probate Court. Mr. Bristol is attending to this, and you may be sure that I will do my part at the earliest possible moment. The delay has been a very great annoyance to several of us.

When I send you the bond, which I trust will be in the near future, I will send also the January interest amounting to \$17.50.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 10, 1914.

John C. Rau, Esq.,  
524 - 12th Street,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The inclosed bill just received from you seems to require explanation. It refers to "Bill rendered \$6.60".

The only bill I have ever received from you was one of \$5.70 for electric lamps. This amount I paid by check on December 20, and the check has come back to me from the bank stamped as deposited by you on December 23.

As the work done by you in the house is still unfinished, and as I have received no bill for any part of the same, I am at a loss to explain the inclosed.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam



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January 10, 1914.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Your telegram came yesterday, and I was very glad to learn from it that the account had been accepted pending an amended affidavit. Your letter of yesterday with form of affidavit came this noon, and I immediately executed it and secured the necessary clerk's certificate, and am inclosing the same to you herewith.

The only thing remaining, so far as I know, is the certificate from the Probate Court which will ease the tender conscience of the Boston & Maine officials so that they will transfer the bond about which we have had so much trouble. Royal Wilson has not been able to assuage his impatience in the matter, as attested by a long series of letters the last of which came today.

Very truly yours,

*E. West Harrison*



January 21, 1914.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Thanks for your letter of the 20th, inclosing copy of the Distribution of the Estate of Frederick H. Hoadley. I am forwarding the same to the Treasurer of the Boston & Maine Railroad at Boston, and earnestly hope that he will deem it sufficient authority for the transfer we have been so long waiting for.

Will you kindly give me the date of acceptance of my final account?

And please also let me know the cost of having this copy of the distribution made by the Probate Court.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam* -

January 21, 1914.

Herbert E. Fisher, Esq.  
Treasurer, Boston & Maine Railroad,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

My final account as Surviving Trustee and Executor of the Estate of Frederick H. Hoadley, deceased, having been accepted by the Probate Court of New Haven, and the estate (except the \$3000 Boston & Maine 3½% bond which you now hold in my name as executor and trustee) having been distributed on November 17, 1913, in accordance with the terms of an agreement and order of the Superior Court, I am inclosing herewith a copy of the Distribution, certified by the Probate Court of New Haven on the 19th instant. I shall be obliged if in lieu of the \$3000 bond just mentioned you will kindly send me three \$1000 bonds, one in the name of Mrs. Mary L. Townsend, one in the name of Royal H. Wilson, and one in the name of C. Hart Merriam, in accordance with the terms of the accompanying articles of distribution.

Respectfully,

*C. Hart Merriam*  
Surviving Trustee, Estate of F. H. Hoadley



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January 26, 1914.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Thanks for your letter of the 24th instant just received, inclosing bill of \$26.35 from the Probate Court. I am adding to this the 80 cts. and 50 cts. previously due you, making \$27.65 in all, for which amount my check is inclosed.

It seems to me that one or two items on this last bill, dated January 23, were covered in the bill of December 26. The Final account in the bill of December 26 appears to be the same as the Trustee's account in the bill of January 23, and the 13 x bgs \$5.20 appears to be the same in both.

Very truly yours,

*C. M. H. H. H.*



January 27, 1914.

Herbert E. Fisher, Esq.  
Treasurer, Boston & Maine Railroad,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 26th instant is at hand.

In the matter of the transfer and division of Registered Bond No. 217, maturing January 1, 1923, for \$3000 (par value), it seems best to make the transfer directly in accordance with the terms of the Distribution of November 17, 1913, a copy of which I sent you on the 21st instant. I wish therefore to cancel the assignment on the bond referred to in your letter of the 26th instant, and to substitute therefor the assignment mentioned in my letter of the 21st instant and on the accompanying certificate, which I have just executed, namely, \$1000 each to Mrs. Mary L. Townsend, Royal H. Wilson, and C. Hart Merriam.

Respectfully,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Surviving Executor and Trustee under  
the Will of Frederick H. Hoadley, deceased.



January 28, 1914.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Thanks for yours of yesterday. By all means pay whatever is necessary to close the account with the Probate Court. You noticed of course that the bill of December 26 was already paid and receipted. For this reason I thought that the repetition of the same charges on the bill of January 23 might be an error, entitling us to a deduction. The Final Account shows that we had paid \$54.25 in Probate charges previous to the recent bill. The items are not now in my possession as I sent you the receipted bills along with other receipts when transmitting the Final Account. The thing is not worth wasting much time over, so kindly pay what you believe to be proper.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

January 28, 1914.

Lee, Higginson & Co.  
43 Exchange Place,  
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your Bond Reference Book. I find it most convenient and useful — the best thing of the sort I ever saw.

I notice that you quote B & O Prior Lien 3½s of 1925 at 90½, and B & O First Mortgage 4s of 1948 at the same figure. If you can secure one \$1000 bond of either of these at about this price, I shall be obliged if you will kindly purchase it for me.

Respectfully,

*C. Hart Merriam*

*(Preferable for him him, but either will do.)*



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January 30, 1914.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Your letter of the 29th instant has just arrived along with the 14 receipts enumerated, for all of which I am very much obliged.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



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January 31, 1914.

Lee, Higginson & Co.  
43 Exchange Place,  
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of the 29th instant  
just received, would say that I shall be glad if you  
will secure for me the B & O Prior Lien 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Bond of  
1925 at 91 $\frac{3}{4}$  and interest.

Respectfully,

*C. H. Harrison*



February 9, 1914.

Mr. Royal H. Wilson,  
1503 Cortelyou Road,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The certificate for your \$1000 par value Boston & Maine Registered Bond 3½% of 1923, No. 242, reached me this morning, and I am inclosing the same to you herewith. I see that it is dated as issued January 29, but it did not reach me until today. Attached to the certificate is a blank form for you to fill and return to the Treasurer, Boston & Maine RR, Boston, Mass., thus furnishing the necessary authorization for the payment of interest, which becomes due on the first of January and July of each year.

I am also inclosing my check for \$17.50, the same being the interest due you on January 1 last.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly acknowledge receipt, and return the receipt I gave you at New Haven November 17 for the Boston & Maine bond herewith delivered, and also covering the \$2000 par value City of New York Registered 3½s of 1954, which I sent you December 10.

Very truly yours,

*Edw. H. Merriam*

February 9, 1914.

Mr. C. E. Pickett,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Herewith I am sending you Certificate No. 241 for \$1000 par value Boston & Maine Registered 3½% Bond of 1923 in the name of Mrs. Mary L. Townsend. I see that it is dated as issued January 29, but it did not reach me until today. Attached to the certificate is a blank form for Mrs. Townsend to fill and return to the Treasurer, Boston & Maine RR, Boston, Mass., with the post office address to which she wishes interest check sent.

I am also inclosing my check for \$17.50, the same being the interest due Mrs. Townsend on January 1 last.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly acknowledge receipt and return the receipt I gave you at New Haven November 17 for the Boston & Maine bond herewith delivered.

Very truly yours,

*Edw. H. Merriam*



February 9, 1914.

Mr. John W. Bristol,  
42 Church Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bristol:

Thanks for yours of the 6th instant, inclosing receipted Probate bill for \$26.35, the same covering the final payment in the matter of the Hoadley Estate.

The long delayed Boston & Maine certificates of \$1000 each reached me this morning, and I have sent Royal H. Wilson's to him direct and Mrs. Townsend's to Pickett. This, so far as I know, winds up the affairs of the estate and ends my responsibility to the others both as Trustee and personally.

Now that the thing is over, I wish to express my deep appreciation of the way in which you have handled the case, and particularly for the extreme care you have exercised in protecting me at every step.

With many thanks, and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

February 9, 1914.

Crane, Parria & Co.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to yours of the 6th instant, I shall be obliged if you will kindly cancel my order for Metropolitan Ry. 5s at 104½, as there seems to be no prospect of purchasing at that figure.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



February 9, 1914.

Lee, Higginson & Co.  
43 Exchange Place,  
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your inquiry of the 6th instant, would state that I shall be glad to have you continue my order for the purchase of \$1000 B & O Prior Lien 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ s of 1925 at the best figure you can get at or below 92 until Saturday, the 14th instant. If not able to purchase by the 14th, kindly cancel the order.

Very truly yours,

*E. H. Harrison*

February 9, 1914.

Mr. George T. Robinson,  
510 White Building,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 6, forwarded from Lagunitas, California, reached me some days ago. Owing to pressure of other matters I have only just had time to do some figuring on your proposition. This I have now done with the result that my figures show a very different profit from yours. Just where you get your lot value of \$480 is not clear to me, as at this figure we would not begin to get the \$35 per front foot authorized by me last year as a minimum price.

The price received for the lots fronting on Ferry St. ought to be at least half the value of the entire piece, or \$4784. The proposed sale of these lots, if built upon, should also cover one third the cost of the improvement of Woodland Ave. or \$1206. These amounts in connection with the cost of the 9 flats which you suggest, plus taxes, insurance, and interest on capital would leave no margin of profit at all. Your proposition therefore does not attract me.

Respectfully,

*E. H. Harrison*



February 10, 1914.

Collector of Internal Revenue  
for District of Columbia,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will send me two or three copies of the form for recording personal income of an individual, with reference to the income tax. I should be glad also of a copy of the law, and any other literature you may have relating thereto.

Respectfully,

*C. Hart Merriam*

February 10, 1914.

Hanover National Bank,  
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

As the owner of a \$1000 Corporate Stock of the City of Buffalo (Certificate No. C 2123) Water Bond Registered 4s of 1960, I shall be obliged if you will send interest checks to me, at the above address.

I do not claim exemption from the income tax, and am inclosing herewith a certificate with respect to the same.

Respectfully,

*C. Hart Merriam*



February 10, 1914.

Treasurer, Erie Co.  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will send me County tax bills on the following unimproved real estate in the City of Buffalo (all in Block 52 on south side of Ferry St. between Fillmore Ave. and Kehr St.)

	<u>Ft. front</u>	<u>Deep</u>	<u>Distance E of Fillmore</u>
1.	55 <sup>04</sup>	366	1272 <sup>04</sup>
2.	165 <sup>4</sup>	366	720 <sup>71</sup>
3.	218 <sup>37</sup>	366	1053 <sup>57</sup>

Respectfully,

*C. Hart Merriam* -



February 11, 1914.

Lee, Higginson & Co.  
43 Exchange Place,  
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for yours of the 10th instant, stating that you have bought for my account \$1000 Baltimore & Ohio Prior Lien 3½s of 1925 at 92 and interest, amounting to \$925.14. My check for this amount is inclosed herewith, and I shall be obliged if you will kindly send the bond to me care National Metropolitan Bank, Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,

*E. Hart Merriam*



February 12, 1914.

William Morris Imbrie & Co.  
45 Broadway,  
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of the 11th instant is at hand, informing me that you have purchased for me \$1000 Baltimore & Ohio 1st 4s of 1948 at 94½ and interest, but your statement quotes price as 95½, amounting to \$968.75 - a discrepancy of \$10. I am inclosing check for latter amount.

Kindly send bond to me care National Metropolitan Bank, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

*W. M. Imbrie*



February 13, 1914.

Mr. Royal H. Wilson,  
1503 Cortelyou Road,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 11th instant,  
acknowledging receipt of the Boston & Maine bond and  
the check for \$17.50 (January interest on the same).

But you forgot to return the receipt I gave  
you for this bond and the other one mentioned in my  
letter of February 9. I shall be obliged if you will  
kindly return this receipt, which you will remember  
is dated at New Haven, November 17, 1913.

Very truly yours,

*C. M. Munroe*



April 13, 1914.

Mr. Pompeo Martinelli,  
Lagunitas, Calif.

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

Many thanks for your letter. I should have acknowledged it long ago, but have been very much rushed with work.

We were all glad to hear from you and to know that our place looks fine after the spring rains. We are greatly obliged to you for catching those mice.

The papers state that you have had more rain recently. This is good news.

I am sorry to say that we shall not be able to get away as early as I had hoped. My eldest daughter, Dorothy, is to be married the last of this month, and it will probably be the end of May before I can get my work in shape to leave. Mrs. Merriam, Zenaida, and I expect to make the trip in our automobile as we did last year, and expect to do it in considerably shorter time, as last year we were much delayed by severe storms in Nevada.

Spring is just opening here. The grass is beginning to turn green and the leaf-buds are beginning to show.

All of my family join in kind regards to you and Mrs. Martinelli.

Very truly yours,



May 4, 1914.

John Reimann, Esq.  
City Treasurer,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Your post card of the 1st instant has been received, notifying me that an assessment of \$3.15 for cleaning sidewalk on my property on Ferry Street is now due.

Before paying the same I should like to inquire as to just what lots are covered by this bill, as I wish to pay any taxes that may be due on the three pieces of property herewith described, all on south side of Ferry St. between Fillmore Ave. and Kehr St, Block 52.

	<u>Ft. front</u>	<u>Deep</u>	<u>Distance E of Fillmore</u>
1.	55 <sup>04</sup>	366	1272 <sup>04</sup>
2.	166 <sup>1</sup>	366	720 <sup>71</sup>
3.	218 <sup>37</sup>	366	1053 <sup>67</sup>

If you will notify me of the full amount, I will remit at once.

Respectfully,

*E. Hart Meriam*



June 15, 1914.

City Treasurer,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly send me city tax bills for three (3) pieces of unimproved real estate on south side of Ferry St. between Fillmore Ave. and Kehr St., all in Block 52, described as follows:

Property of C. Hart Merriam		
Front	Deep	Ft. east of Fillmore
218 37	366	1053 67

Property of Estate of Caroline H. Merriam		
55 04	366	1272 04
156 1	366	720 71

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



July 2, 1914.

John Reimann, Esq.  
City Treasurer,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I inclose check for \$3.32 in payment of tax for cleaning sidewalk on my Ferry St. property, as per inclosed notification this day received.

Yesterday I sent you payment for city tax including some extra items which may cover this charge. I had previously paid \$4.65 for cleaning sidewalk, and have your receipts for same dated May 8, 1914.

Respectfully,

*C. Hart Merriam -*

Nov. 20, 1914.

Mr. E. B. Gardner,  
San Geronimo, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Thanks for your letter of the 14th inst with enclosed Deed of Lagunitas land recently purchased by me from the Lagunitas Development Company, which arrived today--evidently having crossed my recent letter to you.

The remaining payment of \$250 I enclose herewith by check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city (with 25 cts added for collection).

I gladly accept your kind offer to attend to recording the Deed for me.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam -*



November 21st, 1914.

Mr. Henry Weill, Esq.

544 Marine Nat'l. Bank Bldg.

Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 11th instant addressed to my wife is before me. The description of the lots you refer to on South side of Ferry Street, East of Fillmore is as follows:

Property of C. Hart Merriam:

Front	Deep	Pt. East of Fillmore.
218	366	1053

Property of Estate of Caroline H. Merriam:

55	366	1272
166	366	720

Being a nonresident and absent for some time past in California, I am not familiar with the present real estate valuations in Buffalo and should like to ask your opinion as to the value of the property. It was appraised for us some time ago at \$40.00 per front foot.

Respectfully,

*C. Hart Merriam*



January 12, 1915

Mr. Henry H. Weill,  
544 Marine National Bank Bldg.,  
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Sir:

Since you were here I have conferred with my brother and sister concerning our lots on Ferry Street, Buffalo. The outcome is that we are disinclined to sell at less than \$35 per front foot; 25% down, the remainder secured by first mortgage, payable in three annual installments with interest.

Respectfully,

*Edith M. Weill*

We were distressed to learn that you had at one illness in your family and that Mrs. Stephens was so long in recovering, but glad that you are all entirely well by this time.

We had a severe rain storm yesterday but have no snow and the winter thus far has been so open and in the main, a pleasant one. You can appreciate that and my loneliness for Susie, who is taking a long rest at the hospital. Next spring we want to let my son and prevent the making of some of the trips we have so long had in view.



January 21, 1915

My dear Mrs. Phelps:

Kipling tells us that one night in the long long ago, a resourceful woman who dwelt in a Cave put wood on the fire, cooked some meat, and taking the shoulder-blade of a sheep made a Mag. The Wild Dog in the wild woods lifted up his wild nose and smelled the smell of the roasted meat and said, "I will go and see, for I think it is good."

When wild dog reached the mouth of the Cave he sniffed the beautiful smell of the roast mutton, and Cave Woman heard him and laughed

and said, "Wild thing out of the wild woods, what do you want?" Wild Dog replied, "What is this that smells so good?"

Then the woman picked up the roasted mutton bone and threw it to Wild Dog to taste and try. Wild Dog gnawed the bone and found it more delicious than anything he had ever tasted. He said, "O my enemy and wife of my enemy, give me another!"

The woman replied, "Wild thing, out of the wild woods, help my man to hunt through the day and guard this Cave at night and I will give you as many roast bones as you want." Then Wild Dog crawled into the Cave, laid his head on the woman's lap and said, "O my friend and wife of my

friend, I will do as you command."

Now you, kind lady, like Cave Woman, have made your magic and distributed most generously your irresistible bait - merely substituting raspberry balls for mutton bones. And we, your devoted friends and servants, have found them more delicious than anything we have ever tasted. We therefore kneel before you, lay our heads in your lap, and await your commands.

Very truly yours,

*Emet Munn*

Mrs. von R. Phelps,  
70 West Forty-ninth St.,  
New York City.



January 21, 1915

My dear Mrs. Phelps:

Kipling tells us that one night in the long long ago, a resourceful woman who dwelt in a Cave put wood on the fire, cocked some meat, and taking the shoulder-blade of a sheep made a Magic. The Wild Dog in the wild woods lifted up his wild nose and smelled the smell of the roasted meat and said, "I will go and see, for I think it is good."

When wild dog reached the mouth of the Cave he sniffed the beautiful smell of the roast mutton, and Cave Woman heard him and laughed

and said, "Wild thing out of the wild woods, what do you want?" Wild Dog replied, "What is this that smells so good?"

Then the woman picked up the roasted mutton bone and threw it to Wild Dog to taste and try. Wild Dog gnawed the bone and found it more delicious than anything he had ever tasted. He said, "O my enemy and wife of my enemy, give me another!"

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Very truly yours,

*Charles Phelps*

Mrs. von R. Phelps,  
70 West Forty-ninth St.,  
New York City.



January 25, 1915

County Recorder,  
San Rafael,  
Marin Co.,  
Calif.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I enclose deed of a piece of property  
at Lagunitas, Marin Co., purchased by me October 28, 1914,  
and shall be obliged if you will enter on same the date  
and reference of record. If you will kindly inform me  
of the amount due I will remit by return mail.

Respectfully,

*E. Hart Merriam*



January 26, 1915

Mr. William C. Vahey,  
San Anselmo,  
Marin Co.,  
Calif.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 20th inst. has just arrived. I have also had a letter from Mr. Arch M. Gilbert in regard to the same subject, namely, the plumbing in my house at Lagunitas. I have authorized Mr. Gilbert to incur the expense mentioned in your letter (\$25.), in altering the pipes and putting the job in first class order.

Before I left, there was some trouble with the flow of hot water in the bathroom; probably you can remedy this.

Please arrange with Mr. Gilbert as to doing the job.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

February 8, 1915

Mr. William M. Hanrahan,  
106 Erie Co. Bank Bldg.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th inst., would state that my brother and sister and myself own three pieces of unimproved real estate on the south side of Ferry Street in your city, described as follows:

Property of C. Hart Merriam

Front	Deep	Ft. east of Fillmore
218 $\frac{1}{2}$	366	1053 $\frac{1}{2}$

Property of Estate of Caroline H. Merriam

55 $\frac{1}{2}$	366	1272 $\frac{1}{2}$
166 $\frac{1}{2}$	366	720 $\frac{1}{2}$

We have held this property for some years at \$40 per front foot but are now willing to sell for \$35 per front foot, one-quarter down and balance in three annual payments secured by first mortgage on the property.

Respectfully,

*C. Hart Merriam*



Washington, D. C., May 4, 5  
 Guinther Realty Co. Inc.  
 White Bldg., Buffalo, N. Y.

Your offer of ninety-five hundred cash for my two hundred  
 eighteen and fifty-five feet frontage East Ferry Street  
 accepted. Am leaving for California last of this week.

C. Hart Merriam

Washington, D. C. May 4, 5  
 C. Collins Merriam  
 Lyons Falls, Lewis Co.  
 New York

Send deed Buffalo fifty-five foot strip. Letter follows.

C. Hart Merriam



May 5, 1915

Guinther Realty Co., Inc.

White Bldg.,

Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

Yesterday afternoon I sent you the following telegram in reply to your night letter dated the 3rd inst:

Your offer of ninety-five hundred cash for my two hundred eighteen and fifty-five feet frontages East Ferry Street accepted. Am leaving for California last of this week.

It occurs to me that you may not have read all of the correspondence between Mr. Robinson, formerly of your firm, and myself, and therefore may not be aware that the 55 foot strip in question belongs to the estate of my mother, Caroline H. Merriam, deceased, and is owned jointly by my brother C. Collins Merriam of Lyons Falls, N. Y., my sister, Mrs. Florence Merriam Bailey of Washington, and myself, as sole heirs to my mother's estate. The larger lot (218 feet front) belongs to me personally.

In case you wish to consult the records you will find the Deed to my property recorded in the Erie County Clerk's office, Nov. 28, 1877, Liber 317 of Deeds, page 451;

the one to Caroline H. Merriam recorded June 30, 1890 in Liber 494 of Deeds, page 502.

I suppose you will send me the Deeds made out ready for execution. Owing to the fact that I was expecting to leave for California on Saturday, and cannot delay my departure longer than Monday, the 10th, it will be impracticable to obtain my brother's signature (he being at Lyons Falls, New York) in time to close the matter before I go. However, I do not suppose this is of any particular consequence, as my sister and myself can execute the deeds here if you get them to us in time, and I could arrange with my brother to execute his signature and send both deeds to some bank in Buffalo where you could obtain them on payment for the land.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Merriam*



May 6, 1915

Dear Coll:

Since writing you day before yesterday I have gone over a stack of envelopes relating to the Buffalo property, which were stored in our house safe. Among them I found the deed I wrote you about to the 166 $\frac{1}{2}$  foot frontage on Ferry Street. The deed reads "From James S. Merriam to Charles B. Collins", and is dated May 11, 1857 and recorded June 30, 1857, so nothing more is necessary so far as the deeds are concerned.

But there appears to be no deed from Charles B. Collins to Caroline H. Merriam. The property falling to mother by virtue of the will of Charles B. Collins. It would seem necessary therefore to submit a certified copy of the will in addition to the statement I asked you to get, showing that mother having died intestate, we three are the sole heirs. But there is no hurry about this inasmuch as it relates solely to the 166 foot strip, which is not yet sold. However, since we are liable to have an offer for this at any time, it would be well to have the certified copy of the will on hand.

As it will be impossible for you to get the certificate from the court establishing our heirship to

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to the estate of Caroline H. Merriam to me before we leave Washington, you had better hold it until you hear from me again.

I have arranged with our Bank here, the National Metropolitan, to forward the deeds to a Buffalo bank, which will deliver the said deeds to the purchaser on receipt of payment, said payment to be deposited to my credit in the National Metropolitan. I will then draw checks to you and Florence for your proportionate shares.

Hastily,

Mr. C. Collins Merriam  
Lyons Falls,  
New York.



May 6, 1915

Mr. George L. Guinther,  
Guinther Realty Co., Inc.  
510 White Bldg.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 4th inst. is at hand. In compliance with your request I have looked over my old papers for searches and am sending you the following:

218 front foot, Search by Alonzo Tanner, dated Dec. 15, 1886  
55 front foot lot, Certificate of search, Erie County Clerk's office, dated June 30, 1890  
Two searches for all three pieces (frontages 166 ft. 218 ft. and 55 ft.) by Jno. S. Robertson, dated respectively June 20, 1890 and Aug. 9, 1890  
Redemption certificate from City Tax Sale of the 55 foot front lot.

All of these are enclosed herewith. I do not find anything of later date, so you will of course have the necessary search completed to date.

I shall remain here until Sunday and will attend to the Deeds as soon as the same are received.

Very truly yours,

*A. H. Merriam*

P. S. My California address until the latter part of October will be Lagunitas, Marin Co.



May 8, 1913

Mr. George L. Guinther,  
Guinther Realty Co., Inc.  
510 White Bldg.  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 6th inst. this day received with the two Deeds (one for the 218 foot front, the other for the 55 foot front). These have just been executed by myself and wife, and my sister and her husband, and the latter one sent to my brother to be executed by him and returned to this city. When received by the National Metropolitan Bank of Washington, they will be forwarded to the bank named in your letter, namely, the Fidelity Trust Company, to await the completion of the transaction.

Your statement that there are unpaid paving taxes against these two pieces of property amazes me mightily and must be an error, for as I wired you this morning, I hold tax receipts in full for all pavement taxes (and also sewer taxes) for which I have ever received bills. As your letter did not give any details as to the year, I assume it was for the pavement taxes published May 15, 1893, this being the only tax of that

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kind that I ever heard of.

On second thought I have decided to send you all of these pavement tax receipts so that you will be able to prove payment. In the case of the 218 foot frontage there are two bills for each instalment, there being two rolls, 986 and 1913. I enclose the following receipts:

Buffalo Pavement Tax, Ferry St. 218 37 foot front  
Published May 15, 1893

1st Instalment	\$288.15	Paid May 18 and 31, 1893
2d	345.78	May 29, 1894
3d	350.18	Apr. 1, 1896
4th	316.97	Apr. 18, 1896
5th	322.76	Jan. 14, 1898

55 04 foot front

1st Instalment	\$123.57	Paid May, 1893
2d	87.16	June 5, 1894
3d	84.25	June 22, 1895
4th	61.92	Sept. 1896
5th	78.44	Aug. 17, 1897

I am enclosing also a redemption certificate from County Tax Sales for the 218 foot front piece for \$82.19. paid Oct. 28, 1899. I am also enclosing for the same piece of property a tax receipt of \$14.62, dated Oct. 12, 1896, for paving Kehr Street, this receipt covering the second, third, fourth and fifth instalments. I am likewise enclosing redemption receipts from County and City Tax Sales for



the 55<sup>04</sup> foot strip dated respectively July 7 and July 14, 1890, amounting to \$5.28 and \$4.45 respectively.

As stated in my last letter, my address until October will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California. If for any reason you wish to communicate with me on Monday morning, the 10th inst., you can reach me by wire at my house address here until 2 p. m.

I note in the Deeds enclosed, which I have compared with the originals and find correct, you have used the old description, giving the depth of the lots as 394 or thereabout, instead of the present depth of 366; also that you give the distance from Waldron Street instead of the present name Fillmore Avenue. As you are on the ground and familiar with such matters, I assume this to be the correct practice, although I had thought otherwise. My attorneys, McLanahan, Burton & Culbertson, will probably write you about this, although we both assume that the Deeds drawn by you are in correct form.

Very truly yours,

*C. M. Merriam*

May 8, 1915

Dear Coll:

Herewith I enclose for signature and execution duplicate Deeds for the 55 foot strip on Ferry Street, Buffalo, belonging to Mother's estate. These should be signed and acknowledged by you and Fil as indicated, your signature in the one case being Charles Collins Merriam and in the other C. Collins Merriam.

The reason for making two Deeds instead of one is that there is some uncertainty as to the proper form of description; for this reason one Deed is a literal copy of the old Deed to Mother, using the old name Waldron Street instead of Fillmore Avenue, and the original depth of 394.65 instead of 366. My attorneys here, McLanahan, Burton and Culbertson, will ascertain which is the correct form so that the Guinther Realty Co. of Buffalo will receive only one copy, the other being destroyed. I am enclosing the attorneys' letter of transmissal so that you will know just what to do.

This business has kept me on the jump for a couple of days and has delayed our departure accordingly.



We are now booked to leave Monday evening. Hence if there is any urgent necessity of communicating with me before I leave, you can reach me by wire on Monday.

We are all greatly pained to learn of the extraordinary amount of sickness in Augusta's family. But it is good to know that the worst is past.

As ever yours,

Mr. C. Collins Merriam,  
Lyons Falls,  
New York.

May 8, 1915

Melanahan, Burton & Culbertson,  
Union Trust Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Your letter dated the 9th inst., transmitting two Deeds for the 55 foot Buffalo lot for the signature and acknowledgment of my brother, C. Collins Merriam, and his wife, was delivered to me a few minutes ago and I am sending the same to my brother at once. They will doubtless be returned by him in a few days.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Collins Merriam

My address until the latter part of October will be  
Lagunitas, Marin County, California.



## TELEGRAM

Washington, D. C. May 8.

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Guinther Realty Co.

510 White Bldg., Buffalo, N. Y.

Paving tax published May 1893 paid in 5 installments for  
which I hold receipts. Shall stay till Monday. Special  
delivery mailed today will reach me here.

C. Hart Merriam



May 9, 1915

Mr. George L. Guinther  
Guinther Realty Co. Inc.,  
520 White Bldg.  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. is at hand, returning searches I sent you a few days previously. I note your remark that they are "of no value whatever". This is clearly the case with most of them, but the one dated Aug. 9, 1890 is on a printed tax office blank which appears to be official and is signed Jno. S. Robertson, at that time in the Controller's office. I have compared his signature and find it the same as that on certain tax receipts signed Edward C. Shafer, Controller, by Robertson. I should suppose that his statement in the search of August 9, 1890, that there were no outstanding charges against the property, would be final up to that date.

Respectfully,

*d. Hart*

P. S. Since writing the foregoing letter your special delivery of yesterday has been received. This is the first notice I have ever had of the new paying tax you mention. I enclose herewith tax bills for 1914 to show that no mention of this tax was made. The 1915 bill has not yet come in as it is not due until July. In view of the fact that I was not notified of this pavement tax, is it not likely that the charge for interest may be withdrawn?



May 10, 1915

McLanahan, Burton & Culbertson,  
Union Trust Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

The Guinther Realty Company of Buffalo, New York, through whom I am selling the Ferry Street property for which you have recently attended to the Deeds, writes me that a special paving tax amounting to between \$700 and \$800 must be paid before the sale can be completed. I paid for paving this same property about twenty years ago, but am told that the pavement was in such bad condition that the street was repaved last year. No notice to this effect was ever sent me, and no mention of it was made in the tax bills received from the City Treasurer. I have written the Guinther Company therefore, sending them the last city tax bill on the 55 foot strip and asking if the interest may not be passed in as much as I was not notified of the existence of the tax, and never heard of it until the receipt of the letter from Guinther.

I am leaving this afternoon for California, where my address until October will be Lagunitas, Marin County. I shall be obliged if you will find out about

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the pavement tax matter, and ascertain from the Guinther Realty Company just what the various expenses will amount to, so that when you transmit the Deeds to President White of the National Metropolitan Bank for forwarding to the Fidelity Trust Company of Buffalo, you will give him a memorandum of the amount to be received in exchange for the Deeds. As I understand it, this amount will be \$9500, less the expenses of the sale and the new pavement tax.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. H. H. H. H.*



May 10, 1915

Dear Coll:

Bad news. The Guinther Realty Company have just notified me that the old pavement which we paid so big a price for about twenty years ago, was condemned two years ago, and that a new pavement was laid and assessed on the property last June (June 1914). The amount of this tax on the 55 foot strip is \$129 with interest. The amount on my 218 foot piece is about \$650. The amount on the 166 1/2 foot strip remaining unsold (in Mother's estate), I will ascertain from the City Treasurer and pay when the money is received from this transaction. As no notice whatever of this tax was sent me, and as it was not mentioned on the City tax bills, it seems only fair that the City should omit the interest. I have written the Guinther Company about this and will let you know later.

It certainly is sad that we should have to pay out so much just as we are accomplishing a sale.

We leave for California at 7 this evening.  
With love to you all.

Hastily,  
*W. H. H.*

Mr. C. Collins Merriam,  
Lyons Falls,  
New York.



June 17, 1915

Dear Coll:

Yours of June 3 arrived duly. I have delayed replying in the hope that the Buffalo sale would have been consummated before this, but up to the present time I have not learned that the money has been paid.

Unfortunately there is no fake about those pavement taxes, as I have written to the City Treasurer and have learned from him that the paving assessment against the three pieces, not including interest, is \$1277.63. The assessment against my 218 foot front is \$634.21; the 166 foot front \$483.57; the 55 foot front \$159.85. The first and second installments with interest are now due, and must be paid before July 1 to avoid penalty. Interest has been added, notwithstanding the fact that we were never notified of the existence of the tax, but there seems to be no help for it.

Assuming that the sale goes through as expected, the pavement taxes will be deducted from the cash paid us.

In any event we are obliged to pay the paving tax and the regular city tax on the 166 foot piece. The first installment of the pavement tax with interest amounts to \$105.42, and is incorporated, along with the

sidewalk-cleaning tax, <sup>with tax</sup> and city tax of \$102.44, making in all \$214.38, which to avoid penalty must be paid as usual before August 1. Besides this, the second installment, with interest, amounting to \$116.06 is now due and must be paid before July 1 to avoid penalty. You will observe that this second installment with interest must be paid a month before the regular tax, which includes the first installment. This tax is of course an outrage, but I don't see any way of avoiding it, although I shall file a second protest with the Treasurer.

So we have to pay \$330.44 before the 1st of August, of which amount \$116.06 must be paid before July 1.

As there will not be time to hear from you and get the money into the hands of the Treasurer before July 1, I will advance the \$116.06, leaving the \$214.38 to be paid by you before August 1 out of the Collins Farm income, provided you will have enough on hand to meet this payment. If not, let me know at once and I will advance as much as may be necessary to complete the payment.

From the assessment bill recently received it appears that the "date of publication" of this special pavement tax was June 1, 1914, and it is first mentioned on our City Tax bill for the current year.

The purchaser, if he purchases, will pay the City Tax due in July on the 218 and 55 foot pieces.

We are having glorious weather here, the

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highest midday temperature varying from 55° to 75° (rarely above 70°), and falling at night to 50°.

So far we have had so much company that we have not been able to do much work, but from now on there will be less company and more work. Owing to the company we have had more automobile riding than usual and have taken in some new drives. The country is peculiarly attractive now because the foliage of the roadsides is free from dust.

With love to you all,

As ever,

*Hart*

Mr. C. Collins Merriam,  
Lyons Falls,  
New York.

Lewis Co.



June 21, 1915

Mr. John O. Manning,  
Deputy City Treasurer,  
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 12th inst. enclosing City Tax Bills for 1915, with the first instalment of the pavement tax incorporated therein, and for the separate bills for the second instalment of pavement tax, with interest, on the three pieces of property on Ferry Street described in my previous letter.

Herewith I am enclosing check on the Crocker National Bank of San Francisco for \$306.62 in payment of the second instalment of the paving tax with interest (54<sup>04</sup> front feet, \$38.36; 166<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> front feet, \$116.06; 218<sup>37</sup> front feet, \$152.20).

Inasmuch as the City Tax Bill for 1915 includes the first instalment with interest, and inasmuch as the second instalment is herewith paid in advance, why should interest be charged to cover this second instalment, as appears to be the case on all three of these bills? If I am not in error you should refund the interest on this second instalment, as it seems hardly probable that the City would charge interest on a tax paid in full in advance.

Respectfully,

*E. Hart*



May 27, 1915

McLanahan, Burton & Culbertson,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 14th inst. transmitting copies of your letter to George W. White, President National Metropolitan Bank, and a letter from the Guinther Realty Company to you, concerning my Buffalo property. On completion of the transaction kindly send your bill to me here at Lagunitas, Calif.

Thanking you for your kind offices in the matter,

Very truly yours,

*C. H. H. H.*

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June 21, 1915

McLanahan, Burton & Culbertson,  
Union Trust Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your telegram in respect to the Buffalo property.

Inasmuch as the second instalment of the paving tax is due on July 1, I am sending my check in payment of the same today to the Buffalo City Treasurer, the amount on the 55 foot strip being \$38.36; that on the 218 foot strip, \$152.20; total - \$190.56, which amount should be added to the purchase money in case the sale goes through.

Perhaps I should add for your information that I know nothing about the Guinther Realty Company.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. H. H.*



June 28, 1915

G. O. Walson, Esq., Cashier,  
National Metropolitan Bank,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your statement of June 16 that my account appears to be overdrawn \$10.82, has been forwarded from my Washington address to my California summer home at Lagunitas.

Inasmuch as it is impossible for me to reach you before the 1st of July, on which date a number of coupons left with you for collection become due, I am not enclosing any money herewith.

When I left Washington it was expected that a payment due me for the sale of Buffalo real estate, would be made to your bank through the Fidelity Trust Company of Buffalo, New York, on or about the 1st of June. I have since learned that this payment was delayed but that it will be made on or about the 1st of July. When the money is in your hands, kindly have it credited to my account.

Respectfully,

*C. H. Thurman*

June 28, 1915

McLanahan, Burton, & Culbertson,  
Union Trust Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Your telegram was acknowledged on the 21st inst., it having been mailed to me at Lagunitas by the operator at San Anselmo, nine miles distant. Failing to receive the letter which you mentioned sending, I have just been to San Anselmo, where I found it in the post office. Lagunitas is my permanent summer address, but there is no telegraph or telephone here, hence I wired from San Anselmo.

Today's mail brings a letter from the Guinther Realty Company stating that P. Edward Garson had arranged to complete the purchase of the property in accordance with his contract. I am very glad to know this. Doubtless Guinther has informed you to the same effect.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Thurman*



June 28, 1915

Mr. George L. Guinther,  
Guinther Realty Co.,  
510 White Bldg.  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd inst. has just arrived.

I am very glad to learn that you have succeeded in arranging with Mr. P. Edward Garson for the consummation of the purchase of the Ferry Street property in question.

On inquiry of the Buffalo City Treasurer I was informed that the second instalment of the paving tax with interest would have to be paid by July 1 in order to avoid penalty. I therefore sent my check in payment of the second instalment for all three pieces, namely the 218 and 55 foot strips sold to Mr. Garson, and the 166 foot strip still remaining unsold. The amount paid on the 55 foot strip was \$38.36; that on the 218 foot strip \$152.20, making a total of \$190.56, which amount should be returned to me or added to the final payment from which it was previously subtracted. The first installment, as you doubtless know, is incorporated in the city tax bill for the current year,

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which falls due August 1 next. As you have already provided for this in your statement, the matter seems to require no further attention on my part.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hartman*



July 3, 1915

Agent, Western Union Telegraph Co.,  
San Rafael,  
Calif.

Dear Sir:

Hereafter in case of telegrams reaching your office addressed to me at Lagunitas, please forward same to me by mail, not by telephone. As you are doubtless aware, there is no telephone at Lagunitas, the nearest one being in the saloon between Lagunitas and Forest Knolls. This is worse than no telephone at all for the reason that messages are not delivered with any regularity. An important business telegram sent me from Buffalo, New York on July 2 did not reach me until today, July 3.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

MADISON

DAY LETTER

July 3, 1915

Guinther Realty Co.  
White Bldg.  
Buffalo  
New York

Would accept half cash other half in  
straight six percent first mortgage  
payable in four annual instalments.  
Write details. Send no more telegrams. No office at Lagunitas.

C. Hart Merriam

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## TELEGRAM

July 10, 1915

Mr. Lamahan, Burton & Culbertson,  
Union Trust Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

Please close Buffalo sale as per your telegram just  
received

C. Hart Merriam

## TELEGRAM

July 10, 1915

Guinther Realty Co.,  
510 White Bldg.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Have authorized my attorneys to close sale on plan outlined  
by you in letter just received.

C. Hart Merriam

July 11, 1915

Dear Cell:

Life is short and there is a great deal to do,  
hence your letter of June 23 remained unanswered.

I returned yesterday from Berkeley, where I  
have been giving a few lectures in the Summer School of the  
University of California.

I don't quite see what the difficulty was with  
my long letter to you dated June 17, which you have had so  
much trouble in understanding. Let's begin with the 166  
foot strip remaining unsold. The total pavement assessment  
on this strip is \$483.57, payable in five annual instalments  
with interest. The first instalment, amounting with interest  
to \$108.42, is incorporated with and made a part of the City  
Tax Bill for 1915 recently received. The city tax for this  
piece amounts to \$102.44, which with some locals for cleaning  
the sidewalk bring the total to \$214.38, which must be paid  
this month. This I am now paying and will have the receipt  
shortly. The second instalment of paying tax on this same  
166 foot strip amounts with interest to \$116.06, which I  
paid a couple of weeks ago and have the receipt. This dis-  
poses of the 166 foot strip so far as present needs are con-  
cerned, but it will be worth while to save interest by pay-  
ing the remaining instalments as soon as practicable.



As you have been in correspondence with Guinther, you have probably learned of the would-be purchaser's inability to make payment in full as per original agreement. In lieu of this he offers to give a first mortgage for \$4000, payable in four years or less, with interest at 6% balance cash down. I wired my lawyers at Washington to close the sale on this basis.

The remaining instalments of the pavement tax on the 55 and 218 foot strips sold will be deducted from the cash paid us, but the current city taxes will be paid by the purchaser.

The difficulty mentioned in your letter seems to me to be that you forgot about the successive instalments of the paving tax with interest. While the total amount of the pavement assessment was as correctly stated in my last letter (\$159.85 for the 55 foot strip and \$483.57 on the 166 foot strip), we have to pay very much more than these amounts on account of the infernal interest which the city imposes on us.

If the sale goes through as planned, the cash payment is likely to be made during the coming week. Now the question will arise when I come to pay you and Florence your proportionate shares - shall I deduct your



shares of the complete pavement tax (with interest to date of payment) for both the 55 and 166 foot strips.

If so I will ascertain from the city treasurer the exact amount of the three outstanding instalments with interest to date on the 166 foot strip, and will pay the same up once for all and save interest. Do you agree to this?

The next question is: shall I deduct your and Florence's proportional shares of the city tax (including first instalment of paving tax) amounting to \$214.38, which I have advanced, or do you prefer to refund this amount to me from the Collins farm income?

With love to you all,

As ever,

July 11, 1915

Mr. John Reimann,  
City Treasurer,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing my check for \$214.38 in payment of City Tax and first instalment of pavement tax on lot on south side of Perry Street, 166 feet front, 366 feet deep, and 720 feet east of Fillmore Street, as per accompanying tax bill. Will you kindly inform me the remaining amount of the pavement tax on this piece of property in case I should pay the same during the current month?

The enclosed postal card relating to Tax Roll 1969, amounting to \$20.86, has just reached me. Will you kindly inform me as to which piece or pieces of property it is levied on, and for what purpose?

Respectfully,



July 24, 1915

McLanahan, Burton & Culbertson,  
Union Trust Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of the 15th inst. is at hand, notifying me that the sale of the Buffalo property has gone through, and that \$3867.70 has been placed to my account in the National Metropolitan Bank, with the bond of \$4500 for the mortgage, which will be forwarded as soon as recorded.

This is entirely satisfactory, and I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me your bill for services so that the matter may be closed.

Thanking you for your kind interest in the matter,

Very truly yours,  
*E. M. McLanahan*

July 24, 1915

Mr. George W. White, President,  
National Metropolitan Bank,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

McLanahan, Burton and Culbertson have notified me that you have received from the sale of my Buffalo property \$3867.70, which you have placed to my account, and a bond for \$4500, to be followed by mortgage.

You still hold my note for \$700. I should be obliged if you will pay this with interest to date from the above fund, and send me a statement of account.

My address until late October will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Very truly yours,  
*E. M. McLanahan*



July 27, 1915

Mr. John O. Manning,  
Deputy City Treasurer,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 21st inst. replying to my inquiries, and enclosing bill for balance of paving tax on lot on south side of Ferry Street assessed in the name of Charles B. Collins, and having a frontage of 166½ feet.

The fellow who figured this bill made a mistake of exactly a hundred dollars in the sum of the three instalments due, and a corresponding error in the interest, which should be paid, which should be \$1.21 instead of \$1.62, making the total \$291.34, instead of \$391.75.

I am enclosing my check for this amount herewith, and also for the new tax of \$12.70 for "receiver" - whatever this may be.

Kindly return receipts to me here at Lagunitas.

Very truly yours,

*E. Hart Merriam*



July 27, 1911

Mr. George L. Guinther,  
Guinther Realty Co.,  
White Bldg.  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 12th inst. in respect to the sale of the Perry street, Buffalo property under consideration. I have heard also from my attorneys in Washington, McLanahan, Burton & Culbertson that \$3567.90 has been received and credited to my account, for which I am most obliged.

But you forgot to send me a statement of the details of the transaction, as a result of which I find myself in difficulty in attempting to prepare a proper business statement for my brother and sister. I shall be obliged if you will kindly send the figures at your early convenience.

With reference to the 1664 foot frontage, I do not think that we would be willing to sell at the same rate, owing to the enormous and wholly unexpected pavement tax which we have been required to pay, thereby reducing the amount received from the sale just accomplished by \$840. This in fairness should have been paid by purchaser, as he, not we, is to reap the benefit.

I have just paid the pavement tax on the 1664 foot piece amounting to \$582.

You have been put to much annoyance and trouble by this sale, all of which I appreciate.

Respectfully,

*E. Hart Harrison*

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July 27, 1915

Dear Collins:

Last evening I sent you a hasty note concerning the recently completed sale of part of our Ferry Street property in Buffalo.

Herewith I enclose statement concerning same, and also my check for \$549.15, the same being your share of the sale price, you having expressed a desire to receive the whole payment in cash in preference to retaining an interest in the mortgage. Later I will send you a statement for signature releasing your interest in the mortgage.

If there are any points which you do not understand, please let me know. There is a discrepancy between the amount of cash actually paid by the Guinther Company and the amount received by me, due to the fact that an installment of the paving tax amounting to \$190.56 had to be paid before July 1 to avoid penalty, and was therefore paid by me, and the amount added by Guinther to his cash payment.

As ever yours,

C. Collins Merriam,  
Lyons Falls,  
New York.

ESTATE OF CAROLINE H. MERRIAM

Sale of lot on Ferry Street, Buffalo, New York in May-July, 1915, to P. Edward Garson and Mrs. E. T. Chamberlain

(55<sup>04</sup> front feet South side Ferry St. 1264 E. of Fillmore Ave.)

Purchase price (approximately \$34.80 per front foot) \$1914.00

By cash received \$740.84  
By mortgage 906.60  
\$1647.44

\$1647.44

By expenses:  
Pavement tax \$169.02  
Cleaning sidewalk 3.80  
Expenses of sale 93.74  
\$266.56

266.56  
\$1914.00

\$1914.00

Each 1-3 share of \$1647.44 (C. Collins Merriam, \$549.15  
C. Hart Merriam, and Florence M. Bailey)

Above sale was part of a single sale of two adjoining lots on Ferry St.: one of 218 ft. front belonging to C. Hart Merriam; the other of 55 ft. front belonging to Estate of Caroline H. Merriam.

Purchase price for the whole \$9500.00

Expenses of sale on the whole piece:  
Agent's commission \$410.00  
Tax and title search 20.00  
War revenue tax 9.50  
Affidavit and recording 3.00  
Bank's charge 25.00  
\$467.50

\$467.50

Taxes paid to clear title:  
New pavement tax on 218 ft. front 671.00  
55 169.02  
Cleaning sidewalk, 218 ft. front 11.54  
55 3.80  
\$855.36

855.36  
\$1322.86

Cash received  
Mortgage received

3677.14  
4500.00  
\$9500.00

\$9500.00



August 10, 1915

Dear Collins:

Yours of the 2nd at hand with Collins Farm check for \$108.96, for which I am obliged.

This check is in payment of the regular annual City Tax on the 166½ foot piece, amounting to \$102.44, plus the cleaning side walk tax of \$6.52, making the \$108.96. You were in error in thinking that any part of the 55 foot strip tax was included in this. The second instalment of pavement tax on the 55 foot piece (\$38.36) which I advanced on June 21 to save interest, was a part of the total pavement tax of \$169.02, which you will find on the statement I sent you in my last letter.

The initial pavement tax assessment on the 166½ foot strip was \$483.57, but this is of small consequence compared with what we actually had to pay, since, as I have written you several times, we were obliged to pay the first year's interest before we knew about the tax, and have had to pay additional interest in order to clean up the matter, as per following statement:

Paving Tax on 166½ Foot Front Ferry Street Lot Paid by C.H.M.	
Original assessment	\$483.57
First instalment with interest (paid July 12, 1915)	\$105.42
Second June 21,	116.06
Third, fourth & fifth instalments with interest paid July 27	291.34
"Receiver Tax" paid July 27	12.70
	<u>\$525.52</u>

C.H.M.

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I have therefore paid, not \$483.57, but \$525.52, thus wiping this extraordinary tax off the slate, and clearing the property for whatever happens in future.

No part of the above amount was deducted from the proceeds of the sale allotted to you and Florence. But Florence has just written me to take out her 1/3.

The lawyers fees and expenses amounted to \$47.82, my share of which for the 218 foot strip is \$38.19, leaving \$9.63 to be divided among the three of us, or \$3.21 apiece.

Of the total pavement tax with interest on the 166½ foot piece paid in full by me, amounting to \$525.52, each of our 1/3 share is \$175.17. Taking this out of each share of the proceeds of the 55 foot strip (\$549.15) leaves only \$373.98 as each person's share! However, this frees the 166½ foot strip, which Guinther thinks he may be able to sell.

Guinther says that were it not for the pest house across the street he would have secured at least \$15 per front foot more than the property sold for. He says, what we have known for many years: "This hospital always has been a curse on the neighborhood and will always remain so."

Don't waste any more valuable time in figuring on the 1915 City Tax on the 55 foot strip as that was paid by purchaser and we have nothing to do with it. You will not find any mention of it in the statement of account sent you



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in my last letter.

We had a very disappointing experience in relation to May Geyer. On receipt of Flo's letter giving the date of her supposed arrival at Inside Inn, Elizabeth and I both went to San Francisco immediately but found that she had not yet arrived. Two or three days later I made the trip again on purpose to see her, but she was not in, so I left a couple of letters in her box asking her to come to Lagunitas. The following day I went to San Rafael (12 miles) to telephone her, but was unable to connect. I therefore left a message with the telephone operator at Inside Inn, asking if she could not come out that evening. I met the evening train that day as well as the day before but she did not show up and we have heard nothing from her in any way.

I spent most of last week attending the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in San Francisco, Berkeley, and Stanford University, and on Saturday took an excursion of about forty zoologists and botanists to Mt. Tamalpais.

Henshaw, Osgood and Dr. L. O. Howard (Chief of Bureau of Entomology) have been here during the last two or three days and Gilbert H. Grosvenor (Editor National Geographic Magazine) is coming this afternoon with his wife and two girls.

With best love to you all,  
As ever yours,

Harry

August 10, 1915

Dear Florence:

Herewith I enclose statement of the recent sale of our 55 foot piece of Buffalo property, each of our 1/3 shares of the proceeds of which amount to \$549.15.

A check for this amount, I am enclosing herewith.

This has nothing whatever to do with the pavement tax on the 166 1/2 foot strip which still remains unsold.

This tax I have paid in full with interest amounting to \$525.52, each 1/3 share of which is \$175.17.

The lawyers' fees amounted to \$47.82, the greater part of which falls to my larger piece, leaving \$9.63 for the 55 foot strip, of which our individual shares amount to \$3.21 each. Therefore you owe me for pavement tax paid on the 166 1/2 foot piece \$175.17 plus lawyers' fee of \$3.21, making a total of \$178.38. In order to keep our accounts straight

I have not deducted this amount from the check sent you, so that you may send me your check at your convenience.

This extraordinary pavement tax being out of the way, our proceeds from the remaining piece when it is sold, will be much more substantial. The man, Guinther, who arranged the recent sale, thinks he may succeed in selling the remaining piece.

As ever yours,

S. H. Harrison



August 10, 1915

McLanahan, Burton & Culbertson,  
Union Trust Bldg.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Many thanks for your letter of July 31 enclosing account in relation to the sale of the Buffalo property amounting to \$47.82, which is entirely satisfactory. My check for this amount is enclosed herewith.

Thanking you for your attentive services in the matter,

Very truly yours,

August 10, 1915

Mr. George L. Guinther,  
Guinther Realty Co.,  
510 White Bldg.  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 2nd inst. enclosing statement of account with respect to the recent sale of our Ferry Street lots. In case you are able to receive a fair offer for the 166 1/2 foot frontage, I shall be glad to learn of the same.

Very truly yours,

*E. H. Guinther*



August 10, 1915

Truscon Laboratories,  
Detroit,  
Michigan.

Dear Sirs:

Professor Forrest Shreve of the Tucson Botanical Laboratory, Arizona, tells me that you manufacture one or more paints suitable for water-proofing.

I have a concrete garage measuring about 12 feet by 24, with a flat roof. This roof was treated with some sort of an alleged waterproof cement paint last fall, but it leaked during the rainy season and it leaks during every rain. We have heavy rains during the winter, and I am anxious to water-proof it before the fall rains set in. If you have anything which you feel sure will answer the purpose, I shall be obliged if you will kindly let me know.

Respectfully,

August 10, 1915

Mr. George W. White, President,  
National Metropolitan Bank,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

Many thanks for your letter of July 29 enclosing statement of my account to date. Kindly hold the bond and mortgage until my return.

Very truly yours,



August 19, 1915

E. F. Hutton & Co.  
St. Francis Hotel,  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Referring to your letter and accompanying statement of the 18th inst., I take pleasure in enclosing herewith my check on the Crocker National Bank for \$937.84 in payment for \$1000 Union Pacific 4s of 1947.

When you receive this bond kindly hold the same until I call for it.

Very truly yours,

*E. F. Hutton*



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September 20, 1915

Miss Pendleton,  
Secretary Associated Charities,  
1500 Jackson St.,  
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Miss Pendleton:

In accordance with the arrangement made with you by Mrs. Merriam today, I am enclosing herewith my check on the Crocker National Bank for \$84.66, in payment of balance of wages due Mary Bodell who was working for us during the summer, but left on the morning of August 21st. We owed her in all \$106.66, of which I gave her \$20 in gold the morning she left, and Mrs. Merriam had previously given her \$2, leaving the above balance.

I will be obliged if you will kindly acknowledge receipt, and turn the check over to Mary Bodell or place it to her credit.

Respectfully,

*C. Hart Merriam*



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October 6, 1915

E. F. Hutton & Co.,  
St. Francis Hotel,  
San Francisco,  
Calif.


Dear Sirs:

Some time ago I gave you an order to purchase a Government Coupon 4 % bond if you could secure the same at 109. As this has been impracticable and as I am to return to Washington in the near future, I wish to cancel the order.

You are still holding the \$1000 Union Pacific 4 1/2 % bond which you purchased for me some time ago. I shall be obliged if you will kindly send this bond to Washington, insured in Bankers' Insurance, addressed as follows:

National Metropolitan Bank,  
Washington,  
D. C.  
For Dr. C. Hart Merriam.

The cost of the above I will of course pay.

Very truly yours,  




October 19, 1915

Mr. C. L. Johnson,  
Secretary, Visalia Building and Loan Assoc.,  
Visalia, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 16th inst. in which you state that I may purchase 10 of the Full Paid Shares in your Building and Loan Association, amounting to \$1000. I am glad to take advantage of this offer, and am enclosing herewith my check on the Crocker National Bank of San Francisco for \$1000.

Kindly forward the shares to the National Metropolitan Bank of Washington, D. C., as requested in my last letter.

Very truly yours,

*E. Hart Merriam*



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November 9, 1915

Crocker National Bank,  
San Francisco,  
Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Kindly credit my account  
with the enclosed check for \$10,  
drawn on the National Metropolitan  
Bank of this city.

From now until next April  
please send statements to my Wash-  
ington address, 1919 16th Street.

Very truly yours,

*Wm. H. Harrison*



November 10, 1915

Dear Ed:

Your letter from San Diego addressed to me at Lagunitas, and your letter to Florence from Calexico, are both before me. As you see, I left California earlier than usual this year.

Respecting the burial in Arlington Cemetery of the cremated remains of your father and mother, I have been to the War Department and have attended to the preliminaries.

The lot assigned is Lot 3633, Officers' Section, Eastern Division, Arlington National Cemetery, assigned for the interment of the late Gustave F. Merriam, Major, Fifth New York Heavy Artillery. The regulations permit the interment therein of the officer's wife.

The enclosed circular letter from the War Department gives shipping directions, but it is not necessary to send a telegram, for the reason that these instructions are intended for cases of recent death. It will answer the purpose if you address a letter to Depot Quartermaster, Washington, D. C. on the day of shipment, stating that the remains were sent by express, on that date, and giving the information asked for as to date and place of death of both your father and mother. You had better send me a copy of this also.

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The box should be marked: Superintendent Arlington National Cemetery, Fort Meyer, Virginia, and billed to Washington, D. C. to avoid the necessity of obtaining a permit for transfer through the District of Columbia.

Please write me the same day you ship the remains so that Florence and I may arrange with the Depot Quartermaster to be present at the burial.

We are glad to know that you have gone into the cotton ranch business and wish you all success.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*E. M. Merriam*

Mr. Edwin A. Merriam,  
Calexico,  
Calif.



November 22, 1915

Frederick L. Wagner, Esq.,  
1413 H Street,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your bill for "repairing stone work" -- in other words cementing the cracks between the front steps of my house at 1919 Sixteenth Street, came a day or two ago, and I am enclosing herewith my check for the amount, \$11.20. This is about double what I have ever paid for the job before, and the work has been done over several times since the house was built about twenty-seven years ago.

The man you sent did, in the main, a good job, but he seems to have overlooked certain places, particularly under the top step. The result is that when we returned from California the first of this month, we found a pool of water in the cellar underneath the steps, and water has come in during every rain since. By standing under the steps you can see streaks of daylight in several places. I shall be obliged, therefore, if you will kindly send a good man back to complete the job.

Respectfully,

*C. M. H. H. H. H. H.*



November 27, 1915

Mr. James E. Albinson,  
1809 14th Street,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I accept your bid of ten dollars (\$10) for painting the gutter and saddles of the roof of my house at 1919 Sixteenth Street, and shall be glad to have you do the work as early as practicable.

The foundation of my garage is already in.

Very truly yours,

*C. M. J. Harrison*

December 3, 1915

Dear Julia:

When I wrote you last I asked for the address to which you wished your December coupon sent. You replied that you were still at the Falls, but expected to go to New York before December. Florence has just told me however that she has recently heard from you from the Falls, for which reason I am enclosing for your signature the ownership exemption certificate for your Washington Railway and Electric coupon payable December 1st. If you will sign this and give the address to which you wish the check sent, I think I can have it cashed here and send you the money as requested in your last letter.

The cremated remains of Uncle Major and Aunt Nina are on the way for burial in Arlington, and Florence and I are in hourly expectation of a telephone telling us to come to the interment.

With love to you all,

As ever,

*Harry*



December 7, 1915

Dear Ed:

Your letter of November 25 came several days ago, but the remains did not arrive until yesterday, and were not taken to Arlington until today.

The burial occurred at 2:30 this afternoon. Florence, Vernon Bailey, and I were the relatives present. We covered the grave with flowers.

The place is much nearer headquarters than I had expected, being only a short distance southwest of the Lee mansion, which is now the Administration Building for the cemetery. The grave is in a beautiful open oak forest on sloping ground leading down to a gulch some little distance below. Later we will take a photograph of it.

In accordance with your wishes, the two urns were buried together in the same grave, wrapped in a single flag.

Florence and I think it would be desirable later on to put up a rough granite head-stone bearing the pro-

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per inscription, according to the rules of the Arlington National Cemetery, a copy of which I sent you in my last letter. Otherwise the Government will erect a white marble head-stone of regulation pattern, inscribed with the name, rank, and service of the officer.

Very truly yours,

*E. Hart Merriam*

Mr. Ed. Merriam,  
Callexico,  
Calif.



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December 8, 1915

The Honorable the Commissioners of the  
District of Columbia,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I herewith ask for a permit to install electric lighting in the garage now in course of construction in my back-yard adjoining and attached to my brick dwelling - - 1919 16th Street. I own and occupy this residence, and the garage is for my personal and exclusive use. It is of fireproof construction throughout --brick and concrete.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Harrison* -



December 9, 1915

Dear Julia:

Your letter of the 7th has arrived with the signed certificate, and I have just gone to the Loan and Trust and cashed your coupons. By the same mail I am sending check of \$27.50 to the Lincoln National Bank to be credited to your account, and am asking them to send acknowledgment to you at Lyons Falls.

I wish we could see the made-over farm-house which Gus and Fred are fitting up in such attractive shape.

Glad to hear that Mr. Gould has renewed his youth.

All well at this end of the line.

With love to you all,

As ever,

Mrs. C. L. Merriam,  
Lyons Falls,  
New York.

December 9, 1915

Lincoln National Bank,  
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I enclose check for \$27.50, which kindly place to the credit of the account of Mrs. Julia Bush Merriam.

Please notify Mrs. Merriam, whose present address is Lyons Falls, Lewis Co., New York.

Respectfully,

*C. L. Merriam*



December 22, 1915

Mr. W. P. Seng,  
1450 Dayton Street,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst. came duly, and the switch followed, but I was not able to have it fitted until yesterday. Only two clamps came with it. Another is needed to keep the cable tube from sagging, as it has to run on the under side for the entire length of the steering-post of my car, which is an Oakland 38. I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly send me one more clamp, and also about six inches more of the flexible tubing for the cable in order to make a neater job where this goes to the horn.

My check for \$3.00 in payment of the accompanying bill is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



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December 23, 1915

E. F. Hutton & Co.,  
Hotel St. Francis,  
San Francisco,  
Calif.

Dear Sirs:

The 'Outlook' is publishing an advertisement of 7% First Lien Bonds issued by the Oakland Street Improvement Bond Company. These are advertised as tax free, implying that they are municipal bonds. Is this true? And do you consider the bonds a thoroughly safe investment?

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam* -



January 12, 1916

Sears Roebuck and Co.,  
Chicago,  
Ill.

Dear Sirs:

From your catalogue of Automobile Supplies I

should like to order the following:

#19A5067	Auto Jack	Set of four	3.30
#19A5080	Tire Iron	8 1/2 in.	.10
#19A5086	"	12 1/2 in.	.10
#19A5325	Spark Plug Case	for 4 spark plugs	.21
#19A10041	High Duty Funnel	7 in.	.25
#19A10018	Handy Auto Creeper		1.03
#19A11070	Auto Pump Oiler		.89
#19A10967	Boulevard Oil and Grease Gun		1.64
#19A10850	Chamois skin		.97
#19A10858	Premier Auto Sponge		.92
#19A11455	Auto Cleaning Brush		.76
#19A58466	End Cutting Nippers		.35
#19A58630	Fulton Flat Bastard File	12 inch	.17
#19A58597	Positive Grip File Handles	for smallest file	.04
"	"	small	.05
"	"	medium	.06
"	"	large	.07
#19A58789	High Power Tool Grinder	Household Size	1.60
#19A11318	Lock washers		.19
#19A11320	Hexagon Semi-Finished Nuts		.22
#19A11325	Spring Getters		.08
#19A11375	Cotter Pin Extractor		.07
#19A11335	High Grade Machine Bolts		.36
#19A11398	Edelmann Screwdriver		.16
#19A58149	Genuine Stillson Pipe Wrench	14 in. open	.79
#19A9095	Auto Snips		.49
#19A11330	Set Screws		.19

I enclose herewith my check for \$15.01 covering the amount of the order, and if you will let me know the express charges, I will remit the same promptly; or you may send charges collect.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

January 12, 1916

Mr. W. H. Osborn,  
Commissioner of Internal Revenue,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me at the above address the proper blank for entering my income tax for the year 1915.

Is this return when filled to be delivered at your office, or sent to the Collector of Internal Revenue at Baltimore?

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam -



January 13, 1916

Mr. P. Edward Garson,  
c-o Skidden Brush Co.,  
Hamilton, Ont.

Dear Sir:

The time having passed for a payment of interest on the mortgage given me by yourself and Mrs. E. T. Chamberlin in connection with the purchase from me of some property on Ferry Street, Buffalo, last July, it occurs to me that possibly you may not have my correct address, which is 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Trusting to hear from you in the near future,

Respectfully,

*C. Hart Merriam*



January 25, 1916

Mr. George L. Guinther,  
Guinther Realty Co.,  
510 White Bldg.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. reached me duly. I delayed replying in the hope of receiving from Mr. P. E. Garson and Mrs. Chamberlin the interest due, if I remember rightly, on January 12, on the Ferry Street mortgage. Not hearing from them, I wrote Mr. Garson at the address you gave me, care of Skidden Brush Co., Hamilton, Ontario, but thus far have not heard from him. I shall be obliged therefore, if you will take the matter up and let me know what the trouble is.

Respectfully,

*C. Hart Merriam*



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Washington, D. C. Jan. 26. 6

George L. Guinther

Guinther Realty Co., 510 White Bldg., Buffalo, N.Y.

Just heard from Garson. Take no action on my letter of yesterday.

C. Hart Merriam



January 28, 1916

Mr. William M. Hanrahan  
603 Erie County Bank Building  
Buffalo  
New York

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 26th inst., relative to some property on Ferry Street is received.

Since writing you about a year ago I have paid a special pavement tax of about \$525.00 on the 166½ foot front, the existence of which I was ignorant of at the time of writing; and have sold through the Guinther Realty Company the other two adjacent lots, one having a frontage of 218 feet, the other of 55 feet -- hence the only remaining lot is the 166½ foot front.

We, the owners, feel that when the lot is sold we ought to get this special tax money back. In order to do this we should receive at least \$6300 for the lot. If you can secure this amount for us, anything over and above the same you may retain as your commission.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Hanrahan*

January 28, 1916

County Treasurer  
Erie County  
Buffalo  
New York

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will send me the county tax bill on a piece of unimproved property on the south side of Ferry Street between Fillmore Avenue and Kerr Street, in Block 52, described as follows:

Frontage on Ferry Street 166½

Depth 366

Distance east of Fillmore 720<sup>71</sup>

Respectfully,

*C. H. Hanrahan*



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February 4, 1930

County Treasurer  
Buffalo  
New York

Dear Sir:

Thanks for County Tax Bill this moment received  
be a lot on the south side of Ferry Street, assessed in  
the name of Charles B. Collins, having a frontage on Ferry  
Street of 166 1/2 ft., a depth of 366, and described as  
720<sup>71</sup> feet east of Fillmore; tax No. 32453.

The amount of the tax is \$22.58, just about  
double the tax of a year ago. Has the tax rate been doubled  
or is there some mistake in the bill?

Respectfully,

*C. H. Harrison*



February 4, 1916

Cavanagh & Kendrick  
3416 M Street  
Washington  
D C

Dear Sirs:

Your bill dated January 29 for repairs on the roof of my house, is at hand. The amount (\$117.00) amazes me.

Mr. Cavanagh of your firm estimated the cost at \$50, and told me distinctly that it would not cost more than \$50. Now you bring in a bill of more than double that amount. I had supposed that Mr. Cavanagh's estimate was equivalent to a contract. I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly send me an itemized bill and explanation.

Respectfully,

*C. Hart Merriam*

February 4, 1916

Dear Coll:

The Buffalo County Tax Bill on our remaining 166 1/2 foot strip came this morning and amounts to \$22.58 -- nearly double what it was last year. I am enclosing it herewith for you to pay from the Collins Farm revenue, provided you have enough on hand. If not, return it to me immediately, and I will advance the amount, as it must be paid before February 16 to avoid penalty. Farm revenue, if not, return it to me immediately and I will advance the amount, as it must be paid before February 16 to avoid penalty.

Hastily,

Mr. C. Collins Merriam  
Lyons Falls  
New York

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Lyons Falls  
New York

*You will find the tax bill for the last year was \$11.70 and this year it is \$22.58 for the same land. I am enclosing the bill for you to pay from the Collins Farm revenue, if you have enough on hand. If not, return it to me immediately, and I will advance the amount, as it must be paid before February 16 to avoid penalty.*



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New York

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New York

*You will observe that the tax rate has been advanced to \$5.15 per 1,000 value! I just had some figures for the Collins Farm and the tax on the 166 1/2 foot strip is \$22.58. I am enclosing the bill for you to pay from the Collins Farm revenue, provided you have enough on hand. If not, return it to me immediately, and I will advance the amount, as it must be paid before February 16 to avoid penalty. Farm revenue, if not, return it to me immediately and I will advance the amount, as it must be paid before February 16 to avoid penalty.*



February 15, 1916

Mr. Henry Weill  
544-546 Marine National Bank Bldg  
Buffalo  
New York

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th inst. would state that since you called at my house last winter I have sold two of the three pieces of property on Ferry Street to which you refer. The only remaining piece is the one having a frontage of 166½ feet.

During the summer a special pavement tax, of which we were previously in ignorance, was suddenly sprung upon us, necessitating the payment of \$525 on this piece. This therefore should be added to the price of \$35 per front foot, making the price of the lot about \$6300.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam -

February 15, 1916

Mr. P. Edward Garson  
Skedden Brush Co  
Hamilton  
Ontario

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 24 came duly, telling me that you would forward check for interest on hearing from your sister, Mrs. Chamberlin. But up to the present time I have not heard from you again.

This interest, as you of course know, is now about a month and a half overdue. I do not wish to annoy you by putting the matter in the hands of my attorneys, and therefore will give you another week in which to make the payment.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam -



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February 23, 1916

Mr. P. Edward Garson  
c/o Skedden Brush Co  
Hamilton  
Ontario

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 19th inst. enclosing checks from your sister and yourself amounting to \$112.50, the same being interest on mortgage held by me on Ferry Street property, Buffalo. I have duly entered the same on the back of the note.

Respectfully,

*C. H. Munn*



February 28, 1916

Dear Mr. Heaton:

Thanks for your letter of the 26th inst. enclosing bills for the garage work from Thomas L. Linney, \$368.88; Morris & Eagan, \$49.51; and your own bill of \$100 less \$49.51 for heating. I should not think of such a thing as allowing you to pay any part of this bill, and am therefore enclosing my check for \$100. Am also enclosing checks for Linney and Morris & Eagan, for the amounts mentioned.

Before making final payment to Linney, there are three matters which still require attention. One is the clogged downspout, which I spoke to you about, and which floods the kitchen platform and steps with every rain, and has already discolored the concrete wall over which it flows. Another small item is retouching the skylight flaps with green paint where the additional weights are attached. One of these has already fallen off.

Another, and much more important item, is the rebuilding of the rear fence and gate of the tennis court adjoining the garage. The gate and part of the fence were torn down to make a broad entrance for carrying in materials during the construction. This has never been

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repaired.

There is a lot of piping put up by Donovan which must have some value, and should be taken away.

The carpenter you sent to put in the sash under the skylight, finished the work last week, and it seems to be entirely satisfactory. I shall be glad to pay his bill at once on receipt of same.

You have had a great deal of trouble in connection with some parts of the work, particularly the heating, and I appreciate your attentions in the matter.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Mr. Arthur B. Heaton  
1512 H Street  
Washington  
D C



March 6, 1916

Dear Dorothy:

Yes, I can help you in furnishing material for your talk on missions, but first would like to be sure as to just what phase or phases of the subject you are going to concentrate upon. There are, as you of course know, a great many kinds of missions. These might be roughly classed into Protestant missions and Catholic missions. Then the geographic element comes to the front, as there are, or have been, missions in practically all the states of the Union, and also throughout the provinces of Canada, and in Alaska.

The general drift of your letter leads me to suspect that you are probably thinking most of the missions of the Franciscan padres in California. I have four large volumes on this particular subject, besides a great many pamphlets, excerpts, magazine articles, and illustrations.

Besides these special publications there is no end of material on missions in Hittell's four-volume History of California, and in Bancroft's History of California, and incidentally chapters or masses of matter on the subject in the works of most of the explorers who visited the Pacific coast between 1820 and 1850.

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Perhaps the easiest way for you to find out just what you want to take hold of, will be for you to go to the library and look in the index of Hittell's History of California, which you will find at the end of volume four. This is a very complete index, and will refer you to the vast fund of information brought together in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd volumes. As soon as you do this, and lay out the scope of your talk, let me know what you have decided on, and I will look over my material with reference to the same, and will send you what promises to be most useful. Will your audience be small enough to admit of passing albums of California mission pictures? If so I could send you what you are likely to need in this line.

In connection with the proposed date of your talk, it is well to bear in mind that we are counting on a visit from you during the spring, and it would be well for you to adjust the date of your talk so as not to interfere with either end of your home visit. It occurs to me that you would enjoy being here when the spring is opening, staying about a month so that you will meet spring again on your return to Cambridge. This would be equal to two strawberry seasons.

As ever,

*Henry* *Daddy*



March 6, 1916

Dear Coll:

Excuse my delay in acknowledging receipt of your recent letter enclosing two checks, one of \$40 from Collins Farm, the other of \$20 on our personal account -- for both of which I am obliged. The Erie County tax receipt has also arrived. But we have had no more bids for the property.

The milk outlook does not seem particularly encouraging, but you and Simon will have to decide whether you sell to milk station or cheese factory.

Last week we had an inquiry from a real estate company as to whether or not we would sell a 20 foot strip on either the north or south borders of our 16th Street property. I replied that we would not sell less than 22½ feet, the same being the width of the lots, and that we would not consider an offer of less than \$4. per square foot. Nothing has been heard from them since. But we need not worry, as this property is about as good as anything anywhere in the residence part of the city.

With love to you all,

As ever,

*Hart*

Mr. C. Collins Merriam  
Lyons Falls  
New York

March 6, 1916

The Hill Pump Valve Co.  
18-20 E. Kinzie Street  
Chicago  
Ill.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check for \$2.50 for which kindly send me a Utility Socket Wrench Set at the above address.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



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March 6, 1916

New York Zoological Society  
11 Wall Street  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed you will find 20¢ for which kindly  
send me a copy of the 'Zoological Society Bulletin'  
for March 1916.

Very truly yours,

*A. S. S. S.*



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March 9, 1916

Mr. L. L. Hayes  
1427 P Street N W  
Washington  
D C

Dear Sir:

In accordance with our conversation over the telephone, I am enclosing herewith my check for \$10, the same covering balance in full for electric work done by you in my garage and basement.

Respectfully,

*E. H. H. H. H.*



March 16, 1916

Dear Coll:

During the past couple of weeks we have been gradually pulling things out of my old den in the third story, with a view to converting it into a spare room. The big map case I transferred to my office in the North-umberland, but the row of cases against the east wall are fixed and must remain for the present. The same is true of the bookcases on the west side. However, between these there is room enough for a bed and a trail around it, and Elizabeth and I want you and Flo to be the first to occupy it. We are expecting Dorothy the last week in April, and shall be mighty glad if you and Flo will pack your grips as soon as possible to stay until Dorothy arrives. This is a good time to be away from Lewis County, and when you return the face of nature up there is likely to be less severe.

Florence has just telephoned me that she received a letter from Vernon this morning. He is on a ski and snowshoe trip in Yellowstone Park, engaged in counting the various bands of elk -- no easy job.

With love to you all, and hoping to receive a letter or wire in the very near future, giving us the date of your coming.

As ever,

Hart



March 23, 1916

Dear Dorothy:

Your long letter of the 21st came yesterday afternoon. I am glad to know what your theme is to be, although somewhat disappointed that it relates to Protestant instead of Catholic Missions, as I had hoped you could restrict your talk mainly to the Missions with which we are familiar, and which we so much admire.

I don't know anything about Protestant Missions except that most of them have done vastly more harm than good. With some exceptions their tendency has been to suppress and decry everything truly Indian, and to supplant the same so far as possible by white men's beliefs, modes of life, and articles of everyday use. Even in some of the Indian schools the use of the native language was forbidden. And in some cases the so-called missionaries have done all in their power to prevent Indians from making baskets and other Indian things.

The old Chief Red Jacket once said a very good and true thing to the whites. He said: "You have got our country but are not satisfied; you want to force your religion upon us".

The practically uniform testimony of early explorers and Army officers is that nearly all Indian tribes from the Mississippi Valley to the Pacific Ocean treated the

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whites with extreme kindness and generosity, helping them in every way possible. And it was not until the whites had insulted and injured the Indians in innumerable ways, that the Indians sought retaliation.

I am sending you by parcel post insured, a book on the 'Missions of California' by Edwin Deakin, which contains some beautiful illustrations; 'The Story of the Indian' by George Bird Grinnell; and 'The Indian Dispossessed' by S. K. Humphrey. The latter belongs to your Aunt Florence. I am also enclosing a copy of my 1905 paper on 'The Indian Population of California', which you will find of interest in this connection. There are volumes of material bearing on the abuses of Indians by white men, but some of the worst cases of which many of us have personal knowledge are too bad to be put in print. My copy of Helen Hunt Jackson's 'Century of Dishonor' is at Lagunitas. I have here however her 'Ramona', and if you would like it I will send it.

Grinnell's recent monumental work entitled 'The Fighting Cheyennes' abounds in plain statements of terrible atrocities against the Indians by whites, including in some cases the Army. But it is a big book, and I doubt if you would have time to read it in addition to the others, before the date of your talk. However, if you would have time I will send it.

The map of the Reservations you asked for, is enclosed with the books. I doubt if the recent Report of the Indian



Commissioner would be of much use to you.

The statement you saw as to the large number of distinct Indian tribes in this country was under the mark. I have myself collected vocabularies from 100 different tribes in California, and at least as many more have become extinct. Some of these tribes are related; others belong to utterly distinct linguistic stocks. In California alone there are today about 24 distinct linguistic stocks -- stocks whose languages differ from one another as greatly as English from Russian, and much more widely than English from German.

The effect on the California Indians of the discovery of gold you will find dwelt upon in my pamphlet on the 'Indian Population'. But please don't speak of any Indian tribe as "Diggers". This term is merely one of contempt, and is used indiscriminately by white men for considerably more than 100 tribes, ranging from western Wyoming, Idaho, and Utah to the Pacific coast. It is worse than "niggers".

In California and Nevada most of the Indians are not on Reservations, but are scattered over the less accessible places.

You don't want a list of all the Indian tribes. The list is far too long, there being, as already stated, considerably more than 100 in California alone. A selection of the more important is enclosed herewith.

As ever,

Saddy -



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April 3, 1916

Elmer H. Catlin Co.  
309 13th Street  
Washington  
D. C.

Dear Sirs:

The accompanying bill for 6 electric light shades contains an error as to the amount, which is given as \$10.50. Your salesman made me a special price on these shades of \$1.35 each, amounting to \$8.10 for the lot. I am therefore enclosing my check for this amount.

Respectfully,

*E. H. Catlin*



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May 1, 1916

Mr. Charles R. Bopp  
U.S. Bureau of Mines  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your bill for coal arrived this morning. It calls for 3 tons. I ordered 2 tons, and the order card which the man who delivered it had in his pocket also called for 2 tons. He told me however that there were 3 tons in the wagon, which I told him was an obvious mistake as the wagon was not big enough to hold 3 tons. Furthermore, when put into the bin it occupies the space ordinarily occupied by 2 tons. Therefore it seems to me a mistake has been made in the bill, and that the amount actually delivered was 2 tons as originally ordered. Is this not correct?

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



June 5, 1916

Mr. Charles E. Bopp  
U. S. Bureau of Mines  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On May 1 I wrote you concerning what seemed to be an error as to the amount of coal delivered at my house, your bill calling for 3 tons, while I thought the amount was 2 tons as ordered. Thus far I have not heard from you, and am anxious to settle your bill before I leave for the West. Have you not a positive record of the amount delivered?

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



June 6, 1916

American Motors Corporation  
141 Broadway  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I enclose check for \$100, the same completing payment for 25 shares American Motors Corporation, the first payment for which (\$25) is acknowledged under date of May 17 on accompanying certificate, which I am returning herewith to be exchanged for a completed certificate.

In this connection I would like to say that my faith in your Corporation is due to my belief in the ability and integrity of your vice-president, Louis Chevrolet. It is my firm belief that had he been allowed to develop and perfect the car he designed in the winter of 1912-13, known as the Chevrolet-6, it would be today the best car in America. I have crossed the continent twice in one of these cars, and it is still giving excellent service.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Merriam*

June 10, 1916

City Treasurer  
Buffalo  
New York

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me City Tax bill for the following described piece of unimproved real estate on the south side of Ferry Street, Buffalo, between Fillmore Avenue and Kehr Street in block 52, belonging to estate of Caroline H. Merriam, deceased: frontage 166½, depth 366, distance east of Fillmore 720<sup>71</sup>

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Merriam*



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June 10, 1916

Mr. Charles R. Bopp  
Bureau of Mines  
Dept. of Interior  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter about the coal, received this morning. The card you mention, receipted by some one at my house, was doubtless signed by the cook, who of course had no knowledge as to the quantity delivered. One thing is certain, that only one wagon-load was delivered, and it was too small to hold three tons. I am glad to know therefore that you agree with me that only two tons were actually delivered. I am therefore enclosing my check for \$11.10, in accordance with your memorandum, and am obliged to you for your courtesy in the matter.

I would like to add that were there any reasonable doubt as to the amount delivered, I would much rather pay you for three tons than leave the matter in doubt.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



June 10, 1916

Dr. P. Edward Garson  
c/o Skidden Brush Co.  
Hamilton  
Ontario

Dear Sir:

This is to remind you that interest on the mortgage on the Buffalo property which you and your sister purchased from me last summer will be due next month, and also the first payment of \$1125 on the principal of the mortgage. Can I count on receiving this payment when it falls due July 1?

There was an error in the January interest. The amount paid by yourself and sister was \$112.50, which is at the rate of 5%, but the note and mortgage call for 6% interest, amounting to \$270 per annum or \$135 semiannually. In other words your payment was \$22.50 short. I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me a check for this amount.

My address until June 20 will be Washington, D. C.; during the remainder of the summer, Lagunitas, Marin Co., California.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hall Merriam*



June 19, 1916

Dear Mr. Paine:

The various members of my family prefer the front view to the side view of the two photographs you took of me some time ago. I am inclined to agree with you in this, and am taking the liberty to enclose \$4 herewith, for which I shall be greatly obliged if you will make for me half a dozen additional prints of the front view. I do not care for the large wrappers -- the prints alone will be sufficient.

Very truly yours

*C. H. Harrison*

Mr. J. H. Paine  
4204 New Hampshire Ave.  
Washington  
D. C.

June 19, 1916

Dr. P. Edward Garson  
c/o Skidden Brush Co.  
Hamilton  
Ontario

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 13th inst. came several days ago, for which I am obliged.

In view of the fact that you and your sister are planning to pay off the entire mortgage on the Ferry Street property Buffalo, purchased from me last summer, it is important for me to look out for other investments. I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly let me know as early as practicable just what you will do in the matter so that I may plan accordingly.

Instead of starting for California tomorrow as intended when I wrote you last, I will remain here until the end of the month, and shall be obliged if you will write me at the above address.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Harrison*



July 6, 1916

American Motors Corporation  
141 Broadway  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Acting in response to your last notice, I am enclosing herewith my check for \$363.75 for 75 shares each of Preferred and Common Stock of your Corporation.

As I am leaving for California not later than Tuesday, July 11, I should be greatly obliged if you would kindly send me the Certificates at once so that I may place the same in my safe deposit box before leaving.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

1919-16 St.  
Washington, D.C.

July 6, 1916

Mr. George White, President  
Buffalo & Niagara Bank  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Mr. White:

Herewith I am sending you a Bond and Mortgage for \$4000. on property on Ferry Street, Buffalo, New York, executed in my favor by I. Edward Gerson and his sister Margaret T. Chamberlain, and Discharge of same, they having expressed a desire to pay off the mortgage in full. Am also enclosing Title Search No. 35204 (New York Title Insurance Co.) relating to said property.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly forward these four documents at your early convenience to the Fidelity Trust Company, Buffalo, New York, with the request that on receipt of payment in full of the mortgage and interest the documents be turned over to the party or parties making payment. Payment will probably be made by Harry D. Williams (Williams, Minard & Howell) Erie County Bank Bldg., Buffalo. The Fidelity Trust Co. on receipt of these papers should notify Mr. Williams.

Statement of amounts to be paid:

Principal	\$4000.00
Six months' interest (Jan. 1 to July 1, 1916) @ 6%	120.00
Back interest of 12% from July 1, 1914 to Jan. 1, 1916	
(The interest paid, \$112.00, leaving here at the rate of 4% thereon (the bond calls for 6%))	22.50
Total	\$4142.50
Interest from July 1 to date of settlement	

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



July 6, 1916

Mr. George White, President  
National Metropolitan Bank  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

Herewith I am handing you a Bond and Mortgage for \$4500, on property on Ferry Street, Buffalo, New York, executed in my favor by P. Edward Carson and his sister Margaret T. Chamberlin, and Discharge of same, they having expressed a desire to pay off the mortgage in full. Am also enclosing Title Search No. 35904 (New York Title Insurance Co.) relating to said property.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly forward these four documents at your early convenience to the Fidelity Trust Company, Buffalo, New York, with the request that on receipt of payment in full of the Mortgage and Interest the documents be turned over to the party or parties making payment. Payment will probably be made by Harry D. Williams (Williams, Minard & Howell) Erie County Bank Bldg., Buffalo. The Fidelity Trust Co. on receipt of these papers should notify Mr. Williams.

Statement of amounts to be paid:

Principal	\$4500.00
Six months' interest (Jan. 1 to July 1, 1916) @ 6%	135.00
Back interest of 1% from July 1, 1915 to Jan. 1, 1916 (the interest paid, \$112.50, having been at the rate of 5% whereas the bond calls for 6%)	22.50
TOTAL	\$4657.50
Interest from July 1 to date of settlement	

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



July 6, 1916

Mr. George L. Guinther  
Guinther Realty Co.  
510 White Bldg.  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your promptness and courtesy in sending the Mortgage Release for which I wired you yesterday. It arrived this noon and I have already executed it and started it on its way to Buffalo.

Please let me know my indebtedness to you in the matter, and I will remit at once. I greatly appreciate your kindness in attending to the details.

Very truly yours,

*a. Hart* *Meridian*

July 6, 1916

Dear Zenaida:

We have waited to the last moment of safety before writing you in the hope of hearing what you had to say about the routes West, but as we have not heard, and as it seems necessary to make the decision before you get your ticket at Boston, we have decided to go from here to Chicago by B. & O., thence by best connecting train (C.B.&Q.) <sup>at</sup> ~~Missouri Pacific, probably the latter~~ <sup>Denver</sup> to ~~Pueblo~~ <sup>to</sup> Pueblo, Colo. and thence D. & R.G. and Western Pacific to San Francisco, returning by San Pedro and Salt Lake Route to Salt Lake and thence east by Union Pacific, C. & N.W. (or Milwaukee & St. Paul) to Chicago, thence B. & O. to Washington.

We have decided to purchase return trip tickets because of the enormous saving in cash, the price of the round trip being only \$105 as against \$155 for the two single way tickets -- a saving of \$50 on each round trip ticket, or \$100 in clear cash for you and your mother! It would be wicked not to take advantage of this enormous saving.

I have just had a talk with Mr. Hege of the B. & O. and he has given me these figures. Going by either of the routes which go as far north as Portland we would have to pay \$17.50 additional, and as you did not seem able to make any decision as to this, we have decided as above, subject to your

*This is the summer vacation ticket, not the other one.*



concurrence.

Mr. Hege advises that you purchase a round trip ticket from Boston to San Francisco, by means of which you would save at least \$7. If you are not satisfied with the route we have selected and would prefer to talk the matter over after your arrival, you can of course purchase your ticket to Chicago as originally planned, getting a 10-day stopover here. In view of the possibility of your getting a return ticket to San Francisco, I am enclosing herewith my check for \$115.

We shall not be able to get away before Tuesday the 11th. Let us know when to expect you. We hoped for a letter today but none came.

With love to you all,

As ever,

Daddy -

Miss Zenaida Merriam  
206 Remington Gables  
Cambridge, Mass.



July 8, 1916

Henry D. Williams, Esq.  
Williams, Minard & Howell  
514 Erie Co. Savings Bank Bldg.  
Buffalo, New York

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th inst. concerning the discharge of the Bond and Mortgage given me by P. Edward Garson and his sister, Margaret T. Chamberlin, would state that on the same day (July 6) I executed a Discharge of the Bond and Mortgage similar to the one you enclosed, and transmitted the same along with the original Bond and Mortgage, and Search pertaining to the Ferry Street property in question, to the Fidelity Trust Company of your city, with the request that on receipt of the same they immediately communicate with you. I assume that they have already done this unless you were out of town yesterday, and that the matter will have been closed before this reaches you.

I do not know that I have any other papers that would be of any value to your clients in this connection.

Respectfully,

*C. Hart Minard*



July 12, 1916

Lee, Higginson & Co.  
43 Exchange Place  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your letter of the 5th inst. in reply to my inquiry about the Russian Government credit. Acting on this information and your recommendation, I shall be glad to purchase \$1000 of this credit.

I shall be glad also to purchase \$1000 St. Louis Terminal 4s of 1953.

Please send bill for these to above address on the 13th inst. if possible, in order to reach me on Friday the 14th, as I am planning to leave for California the evening of the 14th. On receipt of your statement I will remit by return mail, and shall be obliged if you will forward the securities addressed to me in care of National Metropolitan Bank, Washington, D. C., where they will be held until my return.

Very truly yours,

*E. H. Harrison*



July 15, 1916

Crocker National Bank  
San Francisco  
Calif.

Dear Sors:

Herewith I enclose check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for \$500, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly credit to my account. I am leaving today for California, where my address until fall will be as usual, Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

Very truly yours,

*E. H. Hume*



September 17, 1916

Mr. Frederick De P. Hone  
Lyons Falls  
New York

Dear Mr. Hone:

On returning from a field trip in the mountains Vernon Bailey and I found your letter of the 7th inst. awaiting attention. We understand what you mean by renting the farm at the rate of \$25 per cow per year, but when you come to add something about the number of quarts and pounds of milk, that complicates the matter and renders the previous statement ambiguous. If you mean to offer a flat rate of \$25 per cow, irrespective of quantity or weight of milk, we are inclined to accept your offer, altho for the first year or two this would reduce our income from about \$900 to \$750. I am willing to accept your proposition that we pay taxes, insurance, repairs, purchase the grass seed, but before agreeing to pay for improvements I should want to see some definite statement as to where this would land us.

I think I would agree to a 5-year contract on this basis provided the terms of the contract as finally written are satisfactory, and would agree to give you the option to purchase at a price to be determined "by one or an average of not more than three Savings Bank appraisals" as you suggest, but I would not agree so long in advance to the option of renewal for another term of 5 years at the same rate. You will

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easily understand my point of view when you stop to think that I am well past 60, that Collis about 70, and that Florence has already abandoned her girlhood. To say the least, it is doubtful if we three will be alive 5 years hence, and when you mention 10 years, it is tying up undivided property too far into the future. Think of the number of heirs who might be in the squabble later on!

We shall want the contract to contain a clause giving us the right to sell at any time (you always having prior right under the contract) the sale to be made subject to the terms of the unexpired contract. This would protect both you and us, and would not deprive us of the possibility of sale in case such a possibility should arise. Personally I am overwhelmingly in favor of selling the property if this can be done, in order to free my estate from the complication of divided ownership.

Bailey agrees with my position in the matter, and thinks that Florence will do the same. What Collins' view of the matter will be we of course cannot say. I would suggest that you show this letter to him and discuss the matter with him. If he agrees I would suggest that you draw up a contract along the lines indicated, and with sufficient definiteness so that there may be no misunderstandings in future. It is a pity that we three owners are so far apart that we cannot meet to discuss the matter. Florence and Vernon expect to be in Washington about or soon after the 1st of October, but I do not expect to return until the end of October.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



September 17, 1916

Dear Coll:

When Bailey and I returned from our recent trip in the mountains of the northwestern part of the state, we found your letter of the 5th inst. awaiting attention, and also one from Fred Hone on the same subject. Hone makes the proposition that he take over the management of the farm, paying us \$25 per cow per annum, he paying the feed bill, we paying taxes, insurance, repairs, grass seed, and improvements. I don't know just what he means by improvements, but have written him by this mail, and have asked him to show you the letter so that you may know exactly what Bailey and I think about it without having had an opportunity to talk with you or Florence.

One thing seems absolutely certain, and that is that the time has now arrived when it is necessary to replace Simon and Frank with a man who can bring the farm up instead of letting it drop backward. Whether James Cannan or Howard Fairchild or some one else is the best man we have no means of knowing, but a change must be made.

It seems to Bailey and me that the easiest way under the circumstances would be to rent the farm to Fred Hone if he will draw up a contract which is satisfactory to us. This would save you no end of trouble and worry, and in our judgment would increase our revenue after the first two or three years.

With love to you all,

As ever,

Hart



October 12, 1916

Dear Coll:

Thus far you have remained silent--or at least I have not heard from you-- on the subject of renting the Collins Farm to Fred Hone. Time is flying and if the change is to be made, the sooner the better. Hone in a letter just received accepts the changes suggested by me in his proposal. And both Vernon and I think that we ought to make a contract with him along these lines.

If you object, why not formulate your objections at once so that they may be considered before it is too late. I should think that ~~if~~ you and he could get together and draw up a contract that would be satisfactory to both sides, as you are on the ground and can talk matters over, while Florence and I have to write at arm's length.

We expect to start for Washington next week, going by way of Southern California, and will probably arrive in Washington before the end of the month.

We have been having a rainy week here -- a very unusual thing at this early season.

With love to you all,

As ever,  
H.C.

Mr. C. Collins Merriam  
Lyons Falls  
New York

October 11, 1916

Dear Mr. Hone:

Thanks for yours of the 6th inst. accepting my suggestions as to limitation of time to five years, and right to sell subject to your first refusal. As to the milk unit, I really don't care whether it is by the cow or the weight unit you suggested.

I have not heard from Collins on the subject, but have written him again urging promptness and suggesting that you and he get together and draw up a contract which can be sent to Florence and me for approval. I hope he will do this at once.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

*C. Collins Merriam*

Mr. Fred deP. Hone  
Lyons Falls  
New York



Art Merriam

October 16, 1916

Mr. George F. Baright, Secretary  
Amco Motor Co.,  
141 Broadway  
New York City

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the offer recently transmitted to me by your company, I herewith subscribe for 100 shares of Preferred and the same number of Common Stock of the Amco Motor Company for the sum of \$500, with discount for cash amounting to \$490, which amount is enclosed herewith by my check on National Metropolitan Bank of Washington, D. C.

I am writing from California but expect to return to Washington next week.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



October 17, 1916

Dear Mr. Kendall:

A long time ago Mrs. Merriam gave me a bill of \$2 for hardware you had purchased for the house, and said that there were a few other items which you would look up and let me know about, but thus far I have not heard from you.

I had expected to see you but have been away on several trips and am going back to Washington in a few days. I am therefore enclosing check for \$2.50 to reimburse you. In case this is not enough let me know and I will remit balance.

With best wishes for a pleasant and prosperous winter,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Mr. George E. Kendall  
Fairfax  
Calif.



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October 30, 1916

O. R. Evans & Brother  
720 13th Street  
Washington  
D. C.

Dear Sirs:

On returning from California I find your bill for electric fixtures for my house, 1919 16th Street, unpaid, which I regret. Had you sent it earlier it would have been paid before my departure.

The bill includes one item for bracket in sewing-room (\$2.00), which was not put in. I have therefore stricken this item out, reducing the bill from \$26.20 to \$24.20, for which latter amount my check is enclosed herewith.

You were requested to put a bracket on an angle in the sewing-room but the man you sent to the house was not able to do this, and nothing further was done about it.

Very truly yours, *excusing a delay,*

*C. Hart Harrison*



1919 16th Street

December 11, 1916

Lee Higginson & Co.  
43 Exchange Place  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

In compliance with your instructions contained in your letter of the 7th inst. today received, I herewith enclose my Temporary Receipt No. A 3027 for \$1000 Imperial Russian Government 6½% 3-year Credit, and shall be obliged if you will exchange the same for the Definitive Certificate referred to in your letter.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



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1919 16th Street

December 11, 1916

Lee Higginson & Co.  
43 Exchange Place  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

In compliance with your instructions contained in your letter of the 7th inst. today received, I herewith enclose my Temporary Receipt No. A 3027 for \$1000 Imperial Russian Government 6½% 3-year Credit, and shall be obliged if you will exchange the same for the Definitive Certificate referred to in your letter.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Retake of Preceding Frame



December 14, 1916

Literary Digest

354 Fourth Avenue

New York City

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find check for \$6.00.-- \$3.00 for renewal of subscription for Miss Z. Merriam, 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C., and \$3.00 for another subscription to be sent to Mrs. H. D. Abbot, 10 Appleton Road, Cambridge, Mass.

In explanation of the discrepancy in address of Miss Z. Merriam, which is given on your bill as Lagunitas, California, would say that the same is our summer address, the winter address being 1919 16th Street, Washington, as above stated. In the spring we will notify you when to change to Lagunitas for the summer.

Respectfully,

*C. Hall Merriam*



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December 20, 1916

Edward A. Cassady, Mgr.  
Corning Glass Works  
32 East 42nd Street  
New York City

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check for \$4.50, for which please  
send me a pair of your Noviol Glass Conaphores for an Oak-  
land 38, 1916 4-cylinder car. I do not know the exact size  
of the glass, but it appears to be a trifle less than 10 inches.  
You doubtless know the size required for this headlight.

Very truly yours,

*E. A. Cassady*



January 22, 1917

Dear Coll:

Thanks for yours of the 17th inst. enclosing check of \$50 on account of Collins farm income. I had been wondering what had become of the income for the past year.

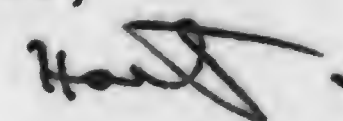
Glad you had a talk with Simon about his drink habits but regret that you kept him over winter as we all agreed that he had outlived his usefulness, and it has seemed obvious for some time that under his care the farm has steadily run down.

The time has now arrived to make up my annual income tax schedule, and as usual I am at a loss to know what to put down for the Collins farm. I shall be very much obliged therefore if you will send me a brief memorandum of the total income, expenditure, and profits for the year 1916.

Dorothy is well and is still with us. Expects to return to Cambridge this week. She would have gone some time ago but for the fact that Henry has been quarantined with diphtheria. He appears to be well now, and we are in daily expectation of a notification of freedom from the State Board of Health.

With love to you all,

As ever,



Mr. C. Collins Merriam  
Lyons Falls  
New York

January 22, 1917

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

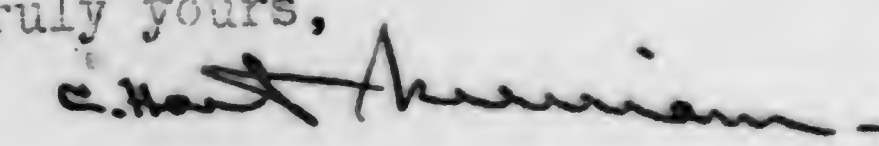
Thanks for your letter of the 13th inst. just received. I am glad to know that the house is all right and that you caught that old mouse and her young ones. I am also glad to know that you have finished cleaning out and burning the brush, and that you have covered the spring with huckleberry and ferns. This will be a great help and much pleasanter to look upon than those old boards.

We had snow here yesterday but rain in the night took it all off, for which we are very glad.

I am enclosing my check for \$59 in accordance with your statement, and am obliged to you for looking after the place.

With kind regards to you all,

Very truly yours,



Mr. Pompeo Martinelli  
Lagunitas  
California



January 26, 1917

American Motors Corporation  
141 Broadway  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Acting on your letter of the 22d inst. I enclose herewith my check for \$485 in subscription for 100 additional shares of Preferred and the same number of Common Stock of American Motors Corporation.

I am also enclosing check of Gertrude M. Allen, The Northumberland, Washington, D. C. for \$50 as part payment for 50 shares of Preferred and the same number of Common Stock in your corporation, the remainder to be paid in four monthly payments.

Your recent report is reassuring and shows great energy on the part of those in charge of manufacture. I am always interested to receive any literature you may issue relating to the car, and if you have any circular to dealers would suggest that you send a copy to Thayer Garage, San Rafael, California. The Thayers conduct the best machine and repair shop in northern California, and are agents of the Cadillac. It occurs to me that they might also like to carry a less expensive car.

When you establish an agency in this city or when one of your cars can be seen here, I should appreciate the favor if you would kindly notify me.

Very truly yours,

*W. H. American*

January 26, 1917

Hi-lo Jack Co.  
140 Green Street  
Worcester  
Mass.

Dear Sirs:

Referring to your letter just received, signed A. F. Lanier, I am enclosing herewith \$4.50 in payment for one of your touring auto jacks, and shall be obliged if you will send same to my house address, 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

*W. H. American*



January 29, 1917

Dear Clint:

Your letter without date about the surrogate's decision in the matter of Edith's estate, came as a surprise and something of a shock. I am not acquainted with the New York law, but it would seem strange if the law recognized mothers' sisters as closer relatives than fathers' brothers.

The question now, as you say, is what to do about it. I quite agree with you that if you, as administrator, are legally entitled to appeal at the expense of the estate, you had better do so, but if the expense would have to be met by a few of us as individuals, I would let the matter drop. This seems to be the view of Coll and Florence also.

One other matter: Before the estate is closed are not you as executor expected to attend to the erection of a tombstone at Edith's grave?

Since you wrote you have seen your lawyer, and probably know more about the legal aspects of the case, so it is hardly worth while for any of us to express opinions on a subject of which we really know so little. It would seem to be a matter of law. But from a common sense point of view the verdict of the surrogate seems preposterous.

Just at present I am bunged up with grippe but hope to throw it off shortly.

With love to you and Hetta,  
Dr. C. L. Drake, As ever yours,

NEW YORK CITY

January 29, 1917

Dear John:

It is good to hear from you and to be able to answer your inquiry about the check list of birds. What you want is the A. O. U. Check List of North American Birds, 3d edition, revised. This you can obtain of the treasurer, Dr. Jonathan Dwight, 134 West 71st Street, New York City. It comes rather high, the cost in cloth binding being \$2.50 plus 25¢ extra for postage.

I am glad to know that you are starting a bird club in Williamstown. Doubtless you see 'Bird Lore'. It has much to say on this and similar subjects. Ernest Harold Paynes has done much in the way of exciting interest and establishing bird clubs in various towns.

In combatting the English sparrow pest, wire traps have proved of much use. If you want to learn about them, write to Dr. A. E. Fisher, U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Your family got the start of ours on the grippe proposition, as you have already recovered, while Mrs. Merriam and myself are in the midst of the thing just at present.

With greetings and best wishes to you all,

As ever yours,

John

Prof. C. F. Clarke  
Williamstown  
Mass.

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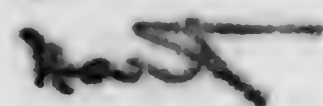
January 29, 1917

Dear Coll:

Herewith I am returning the letters you marked to be returned. The verdict of that surrogate certainly came as a surprise. But the matter should be one of law rather than opinion.

I have written Clint that if he as administrator is entitled to appeal at the expense of the estate, he had better do so, but if the money would have to be paid by a few of us, I should let the matter drop.

Hastily,



Mr. C. Collins Merriam  
Lyons Falls  
New York



February 5, 1917

Dear Clint:

Florence showed me Hetta's letter of January 29, enclosing letters from Mr. Martin, recommending an appeal in the case of the surrogate's decision as to the disposal of Edith's estate. I took Martin's letter to McLanahan and Burten, a prominent firm of lawyers in this city, and asked their advice in the matter. Their reply, which came this morning, is enclosed herewith. They hold, you will see, that the surrogate's decision was in conformity with the law, and that there appears to be no good grounds for an appeal.

This is hard luck, but there seems to be no help for it. The galling part of it is the great injustice it does Edith's wishes. It adds another to the many thousands of examples already on record of the evil results of not having a will.

You have had a lot of work and worry over this matter without the satisfaction of winning. And I don't see that any of us can help. All we can do is to tender you our thanks and sympathy.

With love to you both,

As ever,

*Hett*

Dr. Clinton L. Bagg  
26 West 46th Street  
New York City

February 5, 1917

Dear Coll:

Thanks for yours of January 31 enclosing another check of \$50 on account of Collins Farm income. Shall be glad to receive your summary of farm account for the year, so that I can send in my statement under the income tax law.

That beaver matter certainly is serious and ought to be recompensed by the state.

No, I did not see the clipping about a wolf chasing a child near Rochester. Such statements usually require a good dose of brine.

A few days ago I showed to my lawyers the letter from Clint's lawyer advising an appeal in the Edith case. The lawyers here state that the surrogate's decision was in accordance with the present law, and that they see no just ground for an appeal. So it looks as if the decision would have to stand.

Very truly yours,

*Hett*

Mr. C. Collins Merriam  
Lyons Falls  
New York



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February 5, 1917

County Treasurer  
Erie County  
Buffalo  
New York

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will send me the  
County tax bill on a piece of unimproved property on  
the south side of Ferry Street between Fillmore Avenue  
and Kerr Street, in Block 52, described as follows:

Frontage on Ferry Street 166½

Depth 366

Distance east of Fillmore 720<sup>71</sup>

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam -



February 15, 1917

Dear Flo:

Your letter and enclosures about your new Florissante circular arrived this morning, and I have gone over the same with some care. The circular strikes me as excellent, and I have no changes to suggest. A clean copy and manifold are enclosed herewith as you wished.

The bid from the DuBois Press (\$18.25) for 400 copies including the two half-tones, strikes me as entirely reasonable, and I have no doubt that this concern would give you a neat job. The other bid appears not to include the half-tones, and I assume that you did not send Willard the photographs, so he had nothing to bid on.

I think you have confused the sample of paper sent by the DuBois Press (which is white and of the correct size) with the circular on green paper, which is larger and not intended as a sample for paper, DuBois having given you in his bid the exact size of the sheet ( $5\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{3}{4}$ ). I hope you have good photographs from which satisfactory half-tones can be made.

In addition to the circular I assume that you will advertise also <sup>(in country with a half-tones in the same)</sup> so as to get in touch with possible customers.

With love to you all,

As ever,

*Handwritten signature*

Mrs. C. Collins Merriam  
Lyons Falls,  
New York

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(Picture of Florissante.)

Florissante, Lyons Falls, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

A mutual acquaintance has suggested your name as one who may possibly be interested in "Florissante", a comfortable and commodious furnished country house, for rent during the season. I shall be happy to provide you any information additional to what is contained herein.

Florence Lyon Merriam,  
Lyons Falls, Lewis Co., N.Y.

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DESCRIPTION OF "FLORISSANTE," LYONS FALLS, LEWIS CO., N.Y.

"FLORISSANTE" is situated in a forty-acre park, bordering on the Western Adirondack foothills, 300 feet from the highway, surrounded by old trees and shrubbery, with a western outlook across the Black River, a half mile from its famous 60-foot waterfall.

THE HOUSE is thoroughly modern, with broad verandas, fifty feet front by sixty deep, besides kitchen extension. The first floor provides a Reception Room, Library, Den, Dining Room, Boudoir, Bath and Bed Room, Butler's Pantry, Kitchen, Laundry, extra Toilet, and spacious Hallway. The



second floor includes Music Room, with Steinway grand piano in excellent condition, five Bed Rooms, Sleeping Porch, Bath, and three large servants' rooms with bath in rear. There are large closets throughout the house, besides numerous Fire Places, Electric Lights, and Stable or Garage. There is an unlimited supply of Adirondack water, an ice-house already filled, fountains on the lawn, and a famous garden (supplied with irrigation pipes) the planting of which, for best results, should be done by May first.

THE COUNTRY is full of beauty. The State Highway from Utica to the Thousand Islands passes within two and a half miles, with spur from the village, which is a mile distant, with railroad station and excellent markets. Brantingham Lake is seven miles distant, affording boating and bathing. Other Adirondack Lakes are two hours by automobile. There is neither country club nor enforced society.

RENTAL for the season of five or six months is \$2,000, a deposit of \$1,000 being desired previous to occupancy, the remainder the first of September. The owner will furnish beds, blankets, pillows, plain glass and china and all kitchen utensils.



February 20, 1917

Dear Coll:

Thanks for your several letters received, with statement of Collins Farm account for the year 1916. This account is admirable except that it does not begin anywhere nor end anywhere. Instead of being a clean-cut statement for actual receipts and expenditures for the year 1916, it gives the expenditures and receipts during the year 1916. You have supplemented it in your letters of the 13th and 14th by mentioning receipts during January for milk sold prior to December 31. You mention borrowing and repaying \$25, and have entered it as a charge against yourself, but have neglected to credit it when you paid it back.

The total receipts for milk for the year are therefore \$2051.28, instead of <sup>the</sup> \$1981.12 mentioned in your statement.

Your account for the year, corrected by your letters, I interpret as follows:

Received for milk	\$2051.28
Received from other sources (including the \$25.00 returned by you)	<u>332.18</u>
Total receipts for year	\$2383.46
Expenses	<u>1352.06</u>
Balance	1031.40
Less taxes paid (Washington & Buffalo)	293.20
Balance of income for division	\$738.20

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According to this, each of us three should have received \$246.06, and Simon should have been paid in full, as the amount due him is covered in the amount as stated by you.

But we have not received anything like \$246.06. Nor have you anywhere said what each of us received or is to receive from the profits of the year 1916. In your account you mention the \$80 paid each of us prior to December 31. During January and February you have sent us three checks of \$50 each, making \$230 paid each since January 1916.

The important question is, whether the whole of this \$230 received is from the income for 1916 or whether any part of it (and if so how much) is from the income for 1917?

You can easily see that by this sort of an account it is utterly impossible for me to complete my statement of income on the Income Tax schedule according to law. I am required to swear to this statement before the end of the month, and as it may need correction and rewriting, I should have a few days leeway. So I am still holding up the schedule in order to learn from you what I have asked all along, namely, <sup>my part of</sup> the income of the Collins Farm for the year 1916. Please give me this information by return mail.

When you begin to make payments for the year 1917 for Heaven's sake say so, so we can keep our accounts straight.

As ever,  
Hart



February 21, 1917

American Motors Corporation  
141 Broadway  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with my recent conversation with  
Mr. P. M. Richards, I am enclosing herewith my check for  
\$485.00 in payment for 100 additional shares each Common  
and Preferred of American Motors.

Very truly yours,

*E. M. Richards* -



February 23, 1917

Mr. C. L. Johnson  
Secretary, Visalia Bldg. & Loan Assoc.  
Visalia  
California

Dear Sir:

Your check for \$30 in payment for six months  
interest on my shares in the Association reached me today.  
for which I am obliged.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Johnson*



February 26, 1917

Dear Coll:

Thanks for yours of the 23rd as to the Collins Farm account. But you do not give me any information that I did not have before, as your statement is merely a repetition of the figures previously sent me.

The trouble seems to be that you fail utterly to discriminate between the income for the year, and the income actually received during the year. If you sell a batch of lumber for \$1,000, your profits on which are \$200 in a certain year, and part payment of the same goes over a week or two into the next year, is not the amount received for the goods sold during the year \$1,000 and your profit \$200 just the same as if you had received complete payment during the year instead of a few days later?

What I have been trying to get at all along, as I have told you repeatedly, is a concise statement of receipts and expenditures for a definite period, that period in our case being the calendar year. This you persistently fail to give, but always repeat the figures for receipts during the year, leaving out several hundred dollars belonging to the year but not paid until a few days later.

When your own account shows a balance of profit (after paying taxes) of \$738.20, to be divided among three people, is it not utter nonsense to give each 1/3 share for the year as only \$30? In this case how do you account for

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the remainder of profits amounting to \$498.20.

Your letter received this morning states that with the income from milk sold during November and December 1916 but not paid for until January, you have paid Simon \$250 "besides paying ourselves \$150 each." As a matter of fact I think this is an error, since it appears from your previous letters that the two checks of \$50 each paid us on January 18 and February 3, were from the 1916 income, while the check of \$50 paid February 19 was from the 1917 income. *Is not this correct?*

As ever yours,

*Hart*

Mr. C. Collins Merriam  
Lyons Falls  
Lewis Co.  
New York



February 27, 1917

Dear Coll:

I have just returned from the annual meeting of the American Telegraphone stockholders. To say the least, the outlook is not encouraging. It is in the main the same old story of incompetence or mismanagement or both. A number of men talked criticizing the management -- some of them very severely. Statements by the President and Treasurer showed that during the year there was a profit of \$22,000 -- apparently the first profit ever earned by the company. Unhappily this was not on telegraphone machines, but on the manufacture of a machine gun in which the company engaged. Of telegraphones the company manufactured and delivered only 25 machines, and state that they are equipped to turn out 4 per day. The actual profit on these was only \$480.

The company claims to have 100 machines in process of building, and about 85% finished. President Rood holds a mortgage for \$50,000 against the company, on which certain payments have been made, so that the outstanding obligation is in the neighborhood of \$34,000. The capital stock amounts to \$5,000,000, distributed among 15,000 owners, and has no market value. Against this enormous fictitious valuation the actual assets of the company amount to about \$68,000. Rood claims to have invested over \$180,000 in the

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plant and business, and claims that they have now a well equipped modern factory.

The machine is admitted by all to be a wonderfully efficient thing, far superior to anything else for the same purpose. But in order to manufacture and sell at a profit it is necessary to obtain in some way a considerable sum of money, probably at least \$200,000. One of the greatest needs is that of service stations in the principal cities, where machines could be properly repaired at a reasonable cost.

Two propositions were made: one to issue Preferred Stock to be sold to present stock-holders only, assuming that present owners would purchase, which seems doubtful. The other was for the stockholders to grant exclusive control of stock to a proposed new company in Delaware, said new company to advance \$250,000, erect a new plant, and manufacture machines on a commercial basis. This seemed to me the only proposition that is likely to mean anything at all for the stockholders. So the outlook is anything but encouraging.

As ever yours,

C. Collins Merriam

Mr. C. Collins Merriam  
Lyons Falls  
New York



March 6, 1917

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

Thanks for your letter of February 28 just received. I am glad to know that our house is all right in spite of the storm.

About the bricks: If there are any white brick I would like to keep them for repairing the fireplace. Would also like to keep four of the ordinary red brick. The others you are welcome to and I would make no charge for them.

We have had very stormy weather here lately, with a great deal of rain, but it cleared off in time for the inauguration procession yesterday afternoon.

Arch Gilbert and his wife, who you will remember as having occupied our house a year or two ago, have gone to California again, and may want to use the house again this spring. If they do go up there it will be all right to let them have the key.

With regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam.*



May 2, 1917

Dear Coll:

Pardon my delay in replying to your recent letters. A special rush of work at this end of the line has prevented me from writing earlier.

The Davis feed bills are returned herewith; also your abstract of statement of Collins Farm resources for the Agricultural Service Committee of New York, which as you say, is interesting.

Washington taxes are due this month, as of course you know. We have not received the bills yet, but expect to get them shortly, and I will send you the one for the estate lots on 16th Street.

The leaves on nearly all the city trees are fully out, and those in the country are growing rapidly.

As ever yours,

*Handwritten signature*

Mr. C. Collins Merriam  
Lyons Falls  
New York

May 2, 1917

Dear Collins:

Replying to your letter on the subject of renting the Collins Farm to Fred and Augusta Wone, would say that Florence, Vernon, and I have talked the matter over and agree to the general proposition, the details to be worked out in the contract as per my letters to Wone and yourself written from Legunitas last September and October, the lease to be for five years, subject to prior sale, and if not sold, subject to readjustment and renewal. We agree to the general terms mentioned with the proviso that any improvements and repairs be made subject to our approval, which means that we would not of course care to make ourselves liable for expenditures under these heads without first agreeing to same.

If the thing is going to be done, the sooner it goes into effect the better for all concerned, so you and Wone had better get busy and draw up your contract. You will of course include a clause covering the manner and frequency of payments to us, with forfeiture of contract if several successive payments are in arrears.

As ever yours,

*Handwritten signature: C. Collins Merriam*

Mr. C. Collins Merriam  
Lyons Falls  
New York



May 3, 1917

Collector of Taxes  
Washington  
D. C.

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me tax bills for lots 46 to 50 inclusive, Square 190, Dillon B. Groff's subdivision, fronting on the east side of 16th Street, between T Street and Caroline Street.

There should be three separate bills for this property made out as follows: lot 46 and parts of 47, 48, and 49 in the name of Caroline H. Merriam; part of 47 and 48 to Florence Merriam Bailey; 6 ft. of 49 and all of 50 to C. Hart Merriam.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



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May 4, 1917

Dear Coll:

The Washington tax bills  
came today. The one for mother's  
estate amounts to \$145.80 and is  
enclosed herewith. You will notice  
that it is to be paid before the  
1st of June.

Hastily,



Mr. C. Collins Harriam  
Lyons Falls  
New York



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May 9, 1917

Dear GK:

Enclosed is your Wells Fargo receipt for \$25.75 in payment of express charges on the three packages you just shipped to California. They accepted your check without question, and gave me the receipt in return.

We had another shower after you left, but the clouds are now breaking away, and we hope you are having a clear sky for your westward journey.

With best wishes.

As ever yours,  
*W.H.*

Mr. G. K. Gilbert  
Reed Hotel  
Ogden  
Utah



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May 12, 1917

Mr. P. H. Cochran  
Assessor  
Marin County  
San Rafael  
Calif.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed Assessment blank for my property at Laguni as has just been forwarded to me. Unfortunately I have no record here in Washington which will enable me to fill out the blank, but the property is the same as listed in previous years, excepting that last year I added a Victrola costing \$25.00. I have the same automobile, entered on previous lists, which is now five years old.

Regretting my inability to fill out the blank, and referring you to previous statements of a similar nature,

Very truly yours,

*E. H. American*

Original Defective



May 28, 1917

Dear GK:

We are all saddened by your letter telling us of the unhappy condition of Arch's wife. We hope however that she may yet recover.

I am not surprised that your work along the Wasatch will take longer than expected, as such jobs usually turn out a number of points not counted on at the beginning. I am still pegging away at Bear skulls and shall be probably for several weeks.

The final meeting of the Government Geographic Board on the name of Mt. Rainier was held after you left, with the result that three votes were

cast in favor of Tacoma -- all the rest for Rainier.

As ever yours,

*Handwritten signature*

Mr. G. W. Gilbert  
Reed Hotel  
Ogden Utah



July 11, 1917

City Treasurer  
Buffalo  
New York

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send to my brother, C. Collins Merriam, Lyons Falls, Lewis Co., New York, the City Tax Bill on a piece of unimproved property on the south side of Ferry Street, between Fillmore Avenue and Kerr Street, Block 52, described as follows:

Frontage on Ferry Street 166½

Depth 366

Distance east of Fillmore 720 71

Respectfully,



July 13, 1917

Potomac Electric Power Co.  
14th & C Sts.  
Washington  
D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 16th Street  
for the season, and do not expect to return before November.  
I have turned off the electric current at the main switch in  
the basement under the stone steps at the front of the house.

My office, Apartment 701 The Northumberland, also  
is closed today, and no current should be used until my re-  
turn. The meter is in the basement.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hall*

July 13, 1917

Water Department  
Municipal Bldg.  
Washington  
D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I have today closed my house (1919 16th St.)  
for the remainder of the summer, and have turned off the  
water where it enters the house. No water should be used  
in the house until my return the early part of November.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hall*



July 13, 1917

Washington Gas Light Co.  
411 10th Street  
Washington  
D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 16th Street,  
for the season, and do not expect to return before November.  
I have turned off the gas where it comes in from the street  
just before reaching the meter. No gas should be used in  
the house until after my return.

Respectfully,

*C. Hart Merriam*

July 13, 1917

Postmaster  
Washington  
D. C.

Dear Sir:

Until further notice please forward to me at  
Lagunitas, Marin Co., California, all letter mail addressed  
to me at 1919 16th Street, or at The Northumberland.

Please have all magazine, newspaper, and package  
mail delivered at the Northumberland, where it will be cared  
for until my return.

Letter mail addressed to Mrs. C. Hart Merriam should  
for the present be forwarded to 10 Appleton Road, Cambridge,  
Mass. Letter mail for Miss Zenaida Merriam should be sent  
to Lagunitas.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



July 13, 1917

Chief of Police  
Washington  
D. C.

Dear Sir:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 16th Street,  
for the season, and do not expect to return before November.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly have your patrolmen  
keep an eye on the house from time to time as they pass.

Should anything occur to require attention, please  
notify E. W. Nelson, or Dr. A. K. Fisher or H. W. Henshaw,  
U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture.

My address until November will be Lagunitas,  
Marin County, California.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



us know in advance, we will be sure to be  
at home, and will meet you at the station.

As ever,

Hart

July 21, 1917

Dear GK and Arch:

Here we are at last in  
the good country -- all here except Eliza-  
beth, who as you doubtless know is helping  
Dorothy tend the granddaughter for a  
couple of weeks or so.

The house and everything in it and  
the place outside all seem to be in excell-  
ent condition. And the ferns and vegeta-  
tion generally are looking much better  
than we had expected.

We brought an old woman up from  
San Rafael to help clean house, but she had  
other jobs and could stay only the first  
day, which was day before yesterday.

We shall be glad to see you both,  
either together or tandem, whenever you  
find it convenient to run up. If you let

Original Defective



Dr. C. Hart Merriam

July 21, 1917

W. W. Stuart, Esq.  
1912 Pleasant St.  
Des Moines  
Iowa

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is one dollar for which kindly send me  
at the above address one of your Stuart stoves.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

July 21, 1917

Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co.  
Washington  
D. C.

Dear Sirs:

On leaving Washington July 14 I phoned central to  
disconnect the phone at my house, 1919 16th Street, but was  
informed that in order to have this done I would have to write  
a letter. I therefore request that the phone be disconnected  
until I notify you of my return in the fall.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Chas in name of S.K. Gilbert



July 21, 1917

Dear Florence:

Your letter from Glacier Park came before we left Washington, as we did not actually get away until the 14th inst.

We had a comfortable trip across, and reached Lagunitas a little before noon on the 19th. Everything here seems to be in excellent condition. The house is dry and does not appear to have been visited by intruders during our absence. The ferns, huckleberry, and other shrubbery, are in splendid condition -- better than ever before. In fact everything is attractive, and we are mighty glad to be here.

At Omaha we received a telegram announcing the birth of our granddaughter. Doubtless you have already received the news.

At San Rafael we found Susie waiting for us, and after taking aboard a load of provisions and an old woman to help with the house-cleaning, she brought us safely home.

A pair of Empidonax difficilis are nesting as usual under our piazza roof. As there are eggs in the nest, it is evidently a second brood. We hear olive-sided flycatchers, and in the late evening the sublime song of the russet-backed thrush. They will not sing much longer, as it is now well past the middle of July.

You surely are fortunate to be located in so wonderful a region as Glacier Park, and under such unusually attractive conditions.

Yesterday afternoon I saw four deer close to the house, and heard them in the same spot today. Evidently they are living here just as they did last year. One is an old doe with two large spotted fawns, the other an odd one not fully grown.

Probably Elizabeth will have her hands full with the new baby for a couple of weeks before setting out to join us.

The weather here is perfect, tho a little warm for Lagunitas. Yesterday and today the thermometer reached 86°, but fell both nights to 50°. There has been no fog at all since we came.

I suppose VB is finding out lots of interesting things about the mammals of the Park. I hope he will dig up a few Grizzly Bear skulls, or lay ropes that will bring in some during the season. Tell him to tell the hunters out there that I pay \$25 apiece for skulls of fully adult males in good condition; \$10 or \$12 for females, and lesser amounts for young and badly damaged skulls.

As ever,

Mrs. Vernon Bailey  
Glacier Park  
Montana



August 6, 1917

Dear Florence and VB:

On returning from Clear Lake we found a letter from you, written just as you were about to set out on a camping trip.

We had not expected to go to Clear Lake before fall, but Dr. Stephens urged us so strongly that we ran up there for a short visit, and the doctor and I went to Lower Lake and thence easterly to Long Valley to see the mysterious Grizzly skull of which we have heard so much during the past few years, but which we were not previously able to locate. It turned out to be a sure-enough Grizzly, and a fine old male, tho a rather weathered skull. But the man who owns it declines to part with it during his lifetime, altho I offered him \$50 for it, and altho he is at present only 82 years old. We may possibly get hold of it later. We ought to have the skull because it is the second one I have ever seen of one of my species -- Ursus mendocinensis.

We made the round trip from Lagunitas without a single soft tire, but Susie did boil on the high grades. We came back over Mt. St. Helena and through Napa Valley. We went up by way of Russian River, Ukiah, and Blue Lakes Canyon. Vernon will tell you what a beautiful picturesque route this is.

I have not been to the city since the day I visited the Oakland Museum, but expect to go sometime during the week.

As a result of watering, our polypodies are coming out finely on the rock walls, and will be altogether lovely by the time Elizabeth arrives.

The open season for deer is now on, and we have met many parties of hunters along the roads, but have not yet tasted any venison.

With love to you both from us all,

As ever yours,

*Handwritten signature*



August 6, 1917

Thanks for your letter of July 19, and postcard of the 21st.

Yes, at last I seem to be Grandpa, but as yet I am not much excited about it. But Elizabeth, judging from her letters, has the fever in a very aggravated form. She says in one line that the kid looks like a prize-fighter; in the next that it is the most beautiful thing she ever saw; and then adds that she doesn't see how she ever lived so long without it. Then she calls it 'adorable' and 'blessed mite,' and so on. But she says that it is dreadfully hot up there -- about 100° for several days, which is hard on both baby and its ma, not to mention its dad and grandmother.

Henry, who was registered in the engineer department, was called to the Ayer Cantonment near Groton to plan and install the electric plant for the camp of 40,000 persons. It is a big job, and exactly in his line, so that he is greatly elated over it, and is said

Dear Coll:

We are just back from an auto trip through some of the interior coast valleys to Clear Lake, and Long Valley, and thence back by way of Mt. St. Helena and Napa Valley -- about 400 miles in all. The special attraction was an old grizzly bear skull, which I saw but was not able to purchase, as the owner refused \$50 for it.

We went swimming in Clear Lake, and spent three nights with Dr. and Mrs. Stephens at their summer place in a forest of manzanita and black oaks. But it is hot up there compared with Legunitas, the thermometer recording 100° or more nearly every day, while here it is sometimes in the upper 80's, but rarely above 76°. At night here the mercury falls to or below 50°, and one morning registered 42°.

We found our home here in ex-

cellent shape. It had not been broken into, and the ferns and other plants were in fine condition, and the forest surely is beautiful. I wish you and Flo and all could enjoy it with us.

The trees are growing taller and bigger every year, as are most of the plants. And the deer are so familiar as to be a nuisance. One day we saw six on our own place in a few minutes. And another day a doe with two fawns came within six feet of the piazza and stood there long enough for the girls to take a number of photographs of them.

With love to you all,

As ever,

W.C.

Mr. C. Collins Merriam  
Lyons Falls  
New York

to work from 5:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Furthermore, he is to receive \$250 per month while the job lasts, which is not bad for the boy.

Dorothy, from all accounts, has done splendidly, and both she and baby Beth are well and as happy as could be under such heat. We expect Elizabeth to join us in a few days.

I wrote to Buffalo to have the city tax bill sent you before leaving Washington, and am glad that you received it and were able to pay it from Collins Farm returns. Sorry to see that the farm owes so much for feed. Hope you will be able to reduce it rapidly during the summer.

Very glad you had a visit from Helen and her husband. Everyone who sees him seems to like him.



August 6, 1917

We came through without mishap, and without a puncture or soft tire during the round trip. But Susie did boil on both the Bottle Rock and St. Helena grades. From Napa to Novato we took the new Black Point cutoff, and were surprised to find it such an excellent road.

The weather here had been cool during our absence, so that the outcoming polypodies had had no setback, and the deer fortunately had not nibbled off their heads. A little later, when they are fully out and when Mrs. Merriam has joined us, we shall hope to have you all with us here.

Although I have been on Mt. St. Helena a number of times during past years, I had forgotten that the grade down to Calistoga afforded such a series of wonderfully beautiful views.

Dear Mrs. Stephens:

The dream is over, and we are all back at work as usual. And what a happy change it was from the routine of our daily lives! And what joy there is in looking forward to it from year to year! The only unhappy feature is that such joys are too soon over. But we are all better off for having had them, and the children as well as the older folks will be full of pleasant memories for a long time to come.

We appreciate your kindness in letting us again enjoy the hospitality of The Shadows just at this time when you were preparing to leave. And it was lovely of you to take the trouble to get us those early breakfasts in order that we might make a good start.

I expect to go to the city in a few days, and shall give myself the pleasure of calling on the Doctor at his office, if only to interrupt him long enough for a handshake.

With appreciative thanks for all you did to make our trip to Clear Lake a happy one, and with love from us all to you all,

Very truly yours,

Mrs. W. Barclay Stephens  
1250 Bay Street  
Alameda  
California



August 9, 1917

Mr. George W. White  
President  
National Metropolitan Bank  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

Herewith I enclose check on the Crocker National Bank of San Francisco for \$300, which kindly credit to my account. I am enclosing also a check for \$150, which please apply toward balance due on the Liberty Bond which I purchased from you before leaving Washington.

When my pass book was balanced last, you credited me with some \$20 or so more than I was able to make my balance, and I have not been able to find the error. I hope your figures are right.

If it is still hot in Washington you had better take a trip out here to cool off. Our midday temperatures here in the redwoods run about 76°, while the nights are actually cold, the mercury falling nearly every night to 50°, and once going as low as 42°.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

August 9, 1917

American Motors Corporation  
141 Broadway  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

In response to your request for additional subscriptions, I enclose herewith my check for \$121.25 in payment for 50 additional shares of Common Stock of American Motors Corporation at \$2.50 per share (3% discount for cash).

Kindly send certificate to my summer address, Lagunitas, Marin County, California. My permanent home address is 1919 - 16th Street, Washington, D. C. as heretofore.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



September 5, 1917

Mr. George W. White, President  
National Metropolitan Bank  
Washington  
D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

Enclosed is my check for \$100, which  
kindly credit toward balance due on my \$1000 Liberty  
Bond.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*E. West Harrison*



September 11, 1917

Mr. George L. Guinther  
Guinther Realty Co.  
510 White Bldg.  
Buffalo  
New York

Dear Sir:

It is a long time since I have heard from you, and I am wondering if there is any immediate likelihood of being able to sell the remaining Ferry Street lot, concerning which we had correspondence a year or two ago.

Very truly yours,  
*C. Hart*

Oct. 3, 1917

Frank L. Elliott, Esq.

Lagunitas, Calif.

Dear Frank:

At various times during the past two years you have brought up trunks and boxes, and have done other hauling for me, for which you have politely refused to take payment.

Your father has now repaid me in full, and I want to pay you what I owe you. I have not kept an exact account but believe the amount to be about fifteen dollars, a check for which is herewith enclosed. If this does not cover, please let me know and I will remit balance.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart* *harrison*



October 12, 1917

Mailliard & Schmiedell  
230 California Street  
San Francisco  
California

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your communication of the 9th inst.,  
transmitting Atlas Insurance Policy No.2853654, covering  
insurance for three years on my house at Lagunitas.

My check on Crocker National Bank for \$59.75,  
in payment for same, is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*



October 16, 1917

Arthur H. Clark Co.  
Cleveland  
Ohio

Dear Sirs:

Please send a copy of my book entitled 'The  
Dawn of the World' with the enclosed card to Mr. Madison  
Grant, N. Y. Zoological Society, 111 Broadway, New York  
City, and send the bill to me.

Very truly yours,

*E. M. H. H. H.*



October 26, 1917

Dear Florence:

Herewith I am enclosing Atlas Fire Insurance Policy No. 2853654 on my house at Lagunitas, covering insurance to October 5, 1920. Kindly put it in your safe until my return.

When Zenaida left us for Cambridge a few days ago she was not very well, and did not know whether she would go straight through or stop off to see you in Washington. We hope she stopped.

We are having wonderful clear and rather too warm fall weather, and are hoping for rain in the near future.

As ever,

*Hart*

Mrs. Vernon Bailey  
1834 Kalorama Road  
Washington  
D. C.



November 12, 1917

J. Maury Dove Co.  
F Street  
Washington  
D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I expect to return to Washington on or about December 10, and desire to place an order with you for 10 tons of white ash stove coal. Can you deliver a part of this order immediately on my return?

I tried to get you to deliver 4 tons before I left the city in the early summer, but you were not able to do so at that time.

Very truly yours,



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November 15, 1917

Crocker National Bank  
San Francisco  
Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my receipt for \$2, initial payment through your bank for a \$100 second Liberty Bond. I should like to complete payment for the bond, and shall be obliged if you will draw the necessary \$98 from my account on deposit, as per enclosed check.

Respectfully,



November 21, 1917

Dear Florence and Vernon:

On returning to Lagunitas from San Francisco a couple of days ago, I received your second telegram containing the joyful news that the heart-rending case-moving at the Museum would not be so serious as at first announced. It will be bad enough at best, but I feel that with Nelson to compromise with the authorities, and you, Preble, and Sheldon to look out for the details, the terror of the thing will be softened down considerably, and the injury to specimens reduced to a minimum. The greatest difficulty I suspect, will be in the way of access to specimens after the cases are stacked. However, we must try to make the best of a bad job.

As I wired you, it is impracticable for me to start East before December 5. I am still under Dr. Stephens care, and am taking my head to him for treatment two or three times a week. The thing is now in its 9th week, and appears to be about worn out, so I have hopes of throwing it off entirely within the coming week. It has interfered sadly with field work, but during the past few days we have been starting in again.

Dr. Stephens spent one night with us, and we took him on a most wonderful automobile trip completely around

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Mt. Tamalpais. We turned west about 3½ miles north of Sausalito, crossed the hill country to Big Lagoon on the coast, and followed the coast north to Bolinas Lagoon, from which we took the steep Bolinas Grade up over the shoulder of Bolinas Ridge, crossing at an altitude of 1600 feet, and descending through the redwood forest to the junction of Cataract Creek with Lagunitas Creek, where construction operations are now in progress toward the building of a huge reservoir intended to supply water to practically the whole of Marin County. From this point westerly we traversed the chaparral and sparsely timbered country to Fairfax, and thence back to Lagunitas -- about 58 miles for the round trip. The route gives one a number of surprises and also a diversity of scenery, including some of the most picturesque and beautiful outlooks to be had anywhere. Besides, the road is fairly good all the way. And it would have done you good to see the way Susie climbed the 1600 foot-grade with her new radiator. The old girl is surely rejuvenated, and apparently good for many trips to come.

We brought home an armful of Toyon, gorgeous with red berries. The madrone berries also are now more than half red, and are becoming more beautiful every day. And the translucent scarlet berries of the climbing honeysuckle are at their height.

You remember that the roof of our garage here has always leaked in a number of places. Today the roof doctors



came from San Francisco and cured the trouble. They brought a huge kettle-stove, and three boxes of hard tar, which when split, looks like obsidian. This they melted, and when hot, spread over the roof. On this they immediately laid a layer of heavy tar paper felting, and then coated it all over with hot tar, which they sprinkled with fine gray gravel. The three men arrived by automobile about 8:30, and had finished their job and departed before noon. After having suffered for four years from the leaks, we now feel quite comfortable and happy.

The rain we had a week or ten days ago washed the dust from the trees and brush along the roadsides, starting the grass and clearing the atmosphere. Since then we have had continuous sunshine without either clouds or fog, with mid-day temperatures of 65° to 70°, and daylight temperatures in the neighborhood of freezing.

It is a pity you folks cannot see the ferns and moss around here just now --and Elizabeth adds, the woodpile on the piazza. The quantity of wood our fireplace consumes nowadays is pretty nearly beyond belief, and I doubt if we ever have any more wood to give away.

Col. C. L. Hammond of Crown Point (oldest son of General Hammond) has three sons in the war, one having the rank of colonel, and one son, Robert, in the Red Cross at Washington. The senior colonel has written me asking for the address of Aline or Louise or anyone who could give him the address of any of the Hippeau family in Paris. His son Tom is now in France, and

the colonel wants him to call on the Hippeaus. I have written him that I do not know the address of either Aline or Louise, and have suggested that he write Hetta. If you happen to know either of the desired addresses, and will drop a line to Col. C. L. Hammond, Box 991, Rockford, Illinois, it will be greatly appreciated.

I have regained one of the 25 pounds I lost during the summer, but hope I shall not regain any more.

It is mighty good of you to offer to put us up while our house is being warmed and cleaned, and we shall be only too glad to accept, but on the other hand we realize that you already have or will have a houseful, so we will try to cut it short.

Our love to you both,

As ever,

Hart



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December 6, 1917

Mr. D. J. Huning  
Paraffine Paint Co.  
34 1st Street  
San Francisco  
Calif.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd inst., would state that your tar kettle was shipped by me a week ago. I personally gave it to the conductor of the freight-train, and saw him put it in the car. He signed the enclosed receipt, but, I notice with regret, neglected to date it. So if you get busy on the phone, you can doubtless locate it.

My check for \$32.50 in payment of accompanying bill, is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



December 22, 1917

Dear GK:

Elizabeth has written you of the beginning of our ice and flood troubles at the house. It developed that every radiator and pipe in the house at the time of our arrival was solid full of ice, and that sections in all the radiators, and many of the pipes in both heating and water systems were broken. Every radiator in the house without exception was taken apart and the sections full of ice carried down cellar dripping dirty water all over all of the floors everywhere all day long -- in all 224 sections.

At present the parlor radiator has been reconstructed out of parts of several others, and another radiator now in the dining-room was reconstructed from the unbusted parts of the two formerly in your rooms, so that we now have a fire in the furnace and heat on the first floor. Nothing whatever has been done on the second floor. Every time sections for another radiator are put together and water turned on for testing, new breaks appear. We hope for a radiator in the library Monday, but are not at all sure that we can get it before Wednesday or Thursday, as Tuesday is Christmas.

The piping of the water system broke in your bath-room, in the kitchen, and in the partition between the second story bathroom and hall, and between the floor and ceiling, making a dreadful mess. The plumber, however, has practically

finished his job, so that we now have hot and cold water in the house.

The new radiators formerly kept in stock by dealers in Washington have been conscripted by the Government for various new temporary buildings, so that nothing of the kind can be had this side of Baltimore, and there is a freight embargo on Baltimore. The man tells me that in emergency cases he sends a truck to Baltimore for a load of radiators, but cannot always get the kinds he wants.

We ordered coal a month before leaving California and telegraphed two days before arriving, but did not get any until we had been here two or three days, and then only two tons. We ordered fire-place wood also, but did not get any for five days. Meanwhile we used all the remainder of last year's supply and all of Marion's. As long as the wood held out I slept in the house, but after that slept at Florence's. Elizabeth and I are now sleeping and have begun to eat at home, and Naida has notified us that she is coming tomorrow.

There was about six inches of snow on the ground when we arrived, and at that time a very cold spell (minimum 5° F.) was beginning to let up, followed by a thaw and slush. It is now cold again and everything is frozen over.

So you see the immediate outlook is not very favorable, but we hope for better things before the end of next week.

Congratulating you that you are still in the right place,

As ever,



December 21, 1917

J. Maury Dove Company  
1408 H Street  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Part of the fire-place wood which I ordered on Monday (the 17th inst) was delivered last evening. It makes a pile against the basement wall measuring just 6 feet in length by 2½ feet in height.

I shall be obliged if you will deliver the rest of the order at your convenience, as the present installment will tide over our immediate difficulty.

Yours very truly,

*C. H. Thurman*



was too busy to write, our house being  
deluged with ice and water, with all  
of the pipes and radiators frozen solid.  
All of the radiators had to be chiseled  
apart, and carried down cellar two sec-  
tions at a time, full of ice. Nearly  
half of the sections were burst by the  
ice. After the we had 224 sections  
in the cellar where the ice was melted  
by means of a gasoline torch. Then  
gasoline was not raised have been  
coupled together and put in place, and  
air new radiators have come over from  
Billings, three of which have been  
set up. We are still fine or six say,  
and have two in the house which have  
not been put in place.

We have had more snow weather here than I ever knew before in all the winter. Add yours we have lived here.

February 24, 1973

Dear Julie:

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I don't you on our return from California in December? Is I remember it, I enclosed it with one or two letters for you which had come to our house address, and sent it to an address given me by Florence, who tells me that your present address is 530 Franklin Street, Buffalo, to which I am sending this.

The enclosed letter came about  
 Christmas time, and Mrs. Bess told mit-  
 ting for your sister. We had heard  
 that you had gone to Lynchburg's, and  
 did not know how long you would stay.  
 When I wrote you the enclosed I

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cleaning, since our return, you may imagine that Elizabeth has been tolerably busy.

The snow is about a foot deep here now, and traveling is exceedingly nigher-

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Mrs. J. L. Herjono  
508 Franklin Street  
Buffalo, N. Y.

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THE  
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BOSTON

The temperature of the warmest room in our house this morning was 50°, and we have now in the furnace the last particle of coal in the cellar, so that if no more comes today, our fire will go out and we shall have to empty the radiators and turn the water off the house.

and a stock of General's of the  
 First of us are well.

Given in or before week from

California, but will stop a few days

with his sister, Nettie

by request of the Government

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It is not too far from the truth, ex-

and the other in the same way.



January 29, 1918

County Treasurer  
Erie County  
Buffalo  
New York

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will send me the County tax bill on a piece of unimproved property on the south side of Perry Street between Fillmore Avenue and Kerr Street, in Block 52, described as follows:

Frontage on Perry Street	166½
Depth	366
Distance east of Fillmore	720 <sup>71</sup>

Respectfully,

*C. H. H. H. H. H.*February 4  
1918

Dear Collins:

Thanks for your letter of February 1 enclosing check for fifty dollars on account of Collins Farm. I have been meaning to write you for some little time, to ask for the Farm statement for 1917, as I am obliged to file my income tax return this month, and am required to state the amount received as farm revenue.

I am glad you are getting these back feed bills paid up, and hope the drain from this source will not be so severe during the current year.

Thanks for the Buffalo city tax receipt for last July. I was going to write you for it. It is satisfactory to note that the amount is less than for the preceding year.

Florence and I share your feeling that it would be a fine thing if we could dispose of either our Buffalo or Washington unimproved real estate, but at this time of year there is no chance at all. Then the country is buried deep in snow and the cost of building is double the normal, is a poor time to sell real estate. In this city there is a good demand for furnished houses and furnished rooms, but there are hundreds of unfurnished houses for rent and no market at all for unimproved land. The only things that it pays to build here now, so far as I know, are garages. For these there is a big demand, and they pay a



good rental. If our Sixteenth Street lots were deep enough, and the alley behind them were wide enough, I would favor building six small garages as an investment, as they would rent for ten dollars a month absolutely unheated, or fifteen dollars a month with heat and water. But after looking into the matter pretty thoroughly, I fear it is impracticable.

You probably have seen from the papers that Washington is still deeply buried in snow. We had the beginning of a thaw yesterday, but it was nipped in the bud by a cold wave, and today is exceedingly icy. When spring arrives we are hoping that we may be able to sell, particularly if the cost of building drops a little.

It seems strange that in spite of the present high school and town taxes in Lewis County, stovewood can be sold so low as \$3.50 per cord; we are paying about \$16. per cord here, and have had the greatest difficulty in getting it. After trying for ten days, we succeeded in getting a quarter of a cord this noon, but it was pine instead of hardwood, and will not last long. Our coal will be all gone tomorrow, with no telling when we can get any more. The temperature in our house since our return has run along between forty and fifty. Yesterday, with the fire in the fireplace all day, we succeeded by evening in raising the temperature in the library to fifty-eight. This noon it is forty-eight. The deep snows interfere not only with the transportation of coal from the mines, but also with its delivery here in the city. A large percentage of the horses used for hauling are laid up in the stables, and a considerable number of <sup>auto-</sup>trucks have been put out of commission by trying to operate through the snow. Many

of them are stalled on the streets in various parts of the city.

It is good that you are so near Lyman and his family this winter, and that you all are well. We also have been able to keep well, although the house is so dreadfully cold.

With love to you all,

As ever,

*Hart*

*I have written you a letter for the  
Puffer County, and will send it  
to you when I can.*



February 7  
1918

Dear G. K.:

As Elizabeth wrote you, your express box of books and large square package arrived with unprecedented promptness, but the box addressed to you at Jackson has not shown up at this end of the line, and I trust has reached you before this.

Today we are having a glorious thaw which is melting the snow in the streets so that we now see the wet asphalt up and down the north and south streets, but not on the cross streets. For the two or three nights preceding last night the thermometer has gone down to below zero, and for several days the temperature in our house has not been above forty, except in the library with a big wood fire in the fireplace, when it has passed the fifty mark. Today with a wood fire it is exactly sixty in the library.

For four days we have been reduced to sweepings in the bin to keep a small fire going in the front part of the furnace, just enough to keep the water from freezing, but we have not been able to get any more coal and have not the slightest intimation as to when more will be delivered. Yesterday the Fuel Administration issued a new order reducing the quantity for each house at a single delivery to three bushels. If this is enforced it will mean that each person must deliver his own coal, as it has been absolutely impossible for the various dealers to make the rounds on the basis of one-ton deliveries. Night before last the newspapers stated

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that there were several thousand families in this city without any coal whatever, and the mercury was below zero. We got a quarter of a cord of pine wood a few days ago, as the oak had given out and there is no telling when we can get any more.

So you see the present thaw is a God-send to Washingtonians -- and doubtless also to everyone living within its reach.

During all this cold your den has been the warmest room in the house, partly because of the position of the piping and partly because of the large size of the radiator.

Day before yesterday I had to thaw out water pipes in the basement four times, and once in the middle of the night, to keep them from bursting -- and finally turned the water off to avert the danger.

Marion Baker is in the same fix that we are, as to coal, being reduced to sweepings and unable to get any assurance from the coal dealer.

If the thaw continues, Washington will doubtless receive many more trainloads of coal and we may be able to get hold of some. If so, I will let you know. Meanwhile you are fortunate to be where fuel is plentiful.

As ever,

CW

To  
Mr. G. K. Gilbert  
134 South Durand Street  
Jackson, Michigan.



February 9  
1918

Dear G.K.:

At last our coal has arrived. They call it a ton, but it is the smallest ton you ever saw! However, the satisfaction of having it is enormous, and by its aid -- assisted by the thaw -- we have actually raised the temperature in the library up to 64°, the highest point it has reached since last summer.

The streets are exceedingly icy and slippery and there is still much snow, but the middle parts of the north and south streets are clear except for ice.

E. A. Goldman, whom you may remember as one of our field men in the Biological Survey, has been commissioned major and is leaving for France to take charge of the business of destroying rats on the battlefields.

As we now have both wood and coal, we can keep the house reasonably comfortable until the present supply gives out, by which time we hope for more -- so we will be glad to see you at any time.

As ever,

CH

February 9  
1918

J. Neury Dove

1408 H Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C.

Please enter my order for two tons (or one if you can not send two) of White Ash Stove Coal, to be delivered at your convenience, but if possible not later than the 16th instant.

If you have any oak wood in the near future, I shall be obliged if you will send me half a cord cut 18 or 20 inches in length.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



March 23, 1918

Mr Proctor W. Hansl,  
Secy American Motors Corporation  
141 Broadway, New York City.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for Annual Report, recently recieved.

Although the financial statement is not encouraging, and the outlook not over bright, I nevertheless have enough faith in the car, and in Chevrolet and yourself, to respond for the fourth time to your call for additional Stock subscription. Therefore in about a week I expect to send you my check for 100 additional shares.

Sorry you were not able to see me when en route for the Annual meeting. In view of the immense increase in the population of Washington of late, and the announcement by the Government that 31,000 more are coming during the summer, it seems particularly unfortunate that American Motors is not represented here.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

*C. Hartman*



March 26, 1918

Robert Bursner, Esq.  
President American Motors  
141 Broadway, New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 23d inst., I hand  
you herewith my check for \$96 in payment for one Treasury  
note of the Am. Motors Corporation.

On            On or about April 1st I expect to send Mr Hensl  
my check for 100 additional shares of stock.

Very truly yours,





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March 28  
1918

E. H. Cochrane, Esq., Assessor  
San Rafael, California

Dear Sir:

The enclosed assessment blanks asking for information concerning my property at Lagunitas and my California automobile have just reached me.

The property blank I am unable to fill completely, not having the necessary data here in Washington, but the property is exactly the same as in previous years. There have been no additions either of buildings or of furniture since the garage was built two or three years ago. I shall be greatly obliged, therefore, if you will kindly have the page relating to Real Estate and Improvements filled from previous schedules on file in your office.

The automobile blank I have filled and am returning herewith. The car is the same one in which I crossed the Continent in 1913 and 1914, since which time it has remained in California. It is now in the Thayer garage at San Rafael.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



April 1, 1918

Mr Proctor W. Hensl  
Secy American Motors Corporation  
141 Broadway, New York City

Dear Sir:

On March 26 I sent Mr Barsner my check for \$96 in payment for a Treasury note, and herewith I am enclosing another check, for \$485, in payment for 100 additional shares of stock, as per accompanying slip.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart American*



April 15  
1918

Mr. Proctor W. Hansl

Secretary-Treasurer American Motors Corporation

141 Broadway, New York City

Dear Sir:

Acting on the suggestion in your recent letter I have been making inquiries among business men here concerning a likely man to act as Washington agent for the American Motors, and am glad to report that I think I have succeeded. The young man in question holds an important position in one of our most prominent banks, with which he has been connected for a number of years. He has a large acquaintance in the city and is of unquestioned integrity. He is thinking of taking the matter up with one or more associates in order to be sure to have enough capital to make a proper beginning. Before determining positively, he is anxious to know a little more about the present financial condition of the company and also as to whether he could be certain of obtaining all the cars needed during the present season, as it would obviously be extremely unfortunate to give up his present position on an uncertainty.

I should be greatly obliged, therefore, if you will tell me frankly whether or not the recent sale of additional stock and of Treasury notes brought in enough funds to insure

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the satisfactory continuance of business; and also whether you can guarantee delivery of all the cars a successful agent might need during the present year. Any recent literature concerning the car would be thankfully received, also your circular of terms to dealers.

Should you come on here in the near future I should be glad to see you.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hartman*



April 25, 1918

Mr. W. I. Adams  
Chief Accountant  
Smithsonian Inst.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Miss Stella R. Clemence is now receiving from the Harriman Fund \$135 per month. I shall be obliged if you will increase the amount to \$140 per month, and at the same time change her designation to Research Assistant, to accord with her duties.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam**see p. 400*



May 6  
1918

Dear C. C. :

Thanks for your letters of April 15 and 22 and your postcard of the 30th. Have been mighty busy of late.

Beware of the Kullman Company, who sent you those circulars about the telegraphone. I have known of their doings for several years and have regarded them as clever scoundrels operating mighty close to the danger line. You have doubtless noted the eagerness with which they advise the purchase of additional stock at \$3 per share. At the same time they pay no attention to my offer to sell them 150 shares at \$25 per share. The telegraphone is all right as an instrument, and undoubtedly will have a brilliant future after we are dead and gone. The trouble is, it has been handled by one or more sets of rascals.

Sorry to hear of Robert Markham's death. This reminds me that probably you have not yet heard of G.K. Gilbert's death. He died about a week ago in Jackson, Michigan, where he had stopped to see his sister. He was cremated in Detroit day before yesterday and his son Arch is due to arrive here tonight or in the morning.

I have written the Collector of Taxes for our 16th Street bills and will send you the state one in a few days; if I remember correctly, it has to be paid the last of this month.

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There is no Herdic Line on 16th Street now.

The demand here for houses is enormous, but for unimproved real estate, zero. Building outside of the Government is practically out of the question, the Government having commandeered all of the steel and iron in the country and much other material, and with it the services of most of the workmen. I had hoped the land market would look up during the month of May, but there seems to be no call whatever for vacant land except such pieces as are available for Government use.

We shall probably rent our house before leaving for California. If not, it is likely to be commandeered by the Government, as it is now stated that houses can not be left vacant more than three months or they will be taken over. We are disturbed also about my offices, which if found vacant are likely to be confiscated.

Very many thanks for the maple syrup, which we all will enjoy when it arrives. Express packages are subject to all sorts of delays nowadays, but I will stir up the American Company and see if they know anything about it.

Thanks for the magazine clippings. Some of them I was very glad to have.

Summer hit us suddenly yesterday and a little harder today. The thermometer in my office at the present moment registers 85°, and makes us wish we were in Lagunitas.

With love to you all,

As ever,

Mr. C. C. Merriam  
Lyons Falls  
New York

*Hart*



May 9  
1918

Dear CC:

Since writing you the other day I have connected with American Express and am informed that no package from you addressed to me has reached this city. They advise that you stir up your agent to have the package traced from your end of the line.

The tax bill for Mother's estate lots on 16th Street reached me this morning and I am enclosing the same to you herewith. The total amount is \$108.

Florence has shown me your letter of the 4th again urging the sale of these 16th Street lots. We feel just as you do about it, the difference only ~~being~~ being that we do not see any likelihood of a sale under present conditions. However, so long as you have such extreme faith in advertising, maybe I will draw up an ad. and publish the same in the Star or Post. There is no question as to the value of the property. The difficulty is to find a buyer at a time when building is utterly out of the question.

I have just put in twelve tons of coal for next winter -- all I am allowed to buy -- and have paid \$115 for it besides \$5 for having it put in.

Arch Gilbert arrived yesterday. His father was cremated in Detroit on Saturday and the remains are expected to arrive here any moment.

The leaves on our trees are now full grown and most of the spring migrants have already come. Last evening we heard chewinks, wood thrushes, water thrushes, oven birds, and catbirds. Kingbirds and wood pewees had previously arrived, and a pair of mocking birds has established itself for the season in Sheldon's grounds just north of the city.

As ever, ~~most~~



unreadable.

May 26, 1910

We are going to call for an  
estimate of value going to make any  
estimate that we are able  
to make to be in right way.

We have been figuring with  
reference to accumulated 2 things:  
1. Unfinished shellings (instead of joints)  
2. The finishing of a study income piece.

As a preliminary to our necessary  
to make it a fair valuation  
for each of the 3 properties. That  
we think we have now have  
as many as 1000 ft. - 1, 2, 3, 4  
will be from our own study of the  
But then, these are, I think, a

estimate to call for from \$10,000.  
The income to pay (which which  
should give more than this)  
shows it to be with more  
than this, but we are not sure  
valuation as a basis for estimate.  
This applies to just what appears  
to be kind values of capital in the  
valuation.

After struggling in vain for a long  
time, I might as well say that my  
position that we must avoid in  
making a way that we would get  
the capital from - a capital of  
\$10,000 - or say \$10,000  
while we must take of it.  
The point is that it is not in the  
flow of the income in the capital,  
but of the income in the capital  
in the (let me say \$10,000) + the income  
This stilling is no more than the  
of a very difficult problem.



It is proposed, to the effect of dividing  
possible value of the property  
the following figures 2 + 1 per value  
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figure of 1500 and should  
be given to 1500.  
The value of the property should  
be in building value of 600, but  
that is not right off at 500  
function of the value?  
The following values:  
Washington: 1640. 1850 2600 + 12,500  
Buffalo: 1640. 1850 2600 + 5,500  
Calline Farm - 18,000

Proposition for settlement:  
To acquire Calline Farm in  
exchange for his 1/2 interest  
in Washington and Buffalo (6,000) plus duty for 6,000 or 5%  
Place a lien on the property of the Calline Farm in exchange for his 1/2 interest  
in Washington and Buffalo (6,000) plus duty for 6,000 or 5%  
The following values:  
Washington: 1640. 1850 2600 + 12,500  
Buffalo: 1640. 1850 2600 + 5,500  
Calline Farm - 18,000

Estate of Caroline M. Merriam (undivided)  
divided equally by 3 children, Calline Merriam, 2nd Merriam, 3rd Merriam  
Property consists of 3 pieces:

1. Calline Farm, Callineville, NY. (1850 - 1855)
2. Two lots on E side 1850 St. between T & Caroline St. (1850 - 1855)
3. One lot on E side 1850 St. Buffalo, NY. (1850 - 1855)

Approximate values:

Calline Farm		\$18,000
Washington lot	\$12,500	
Buffalo lot	\$5,500	
Combined value of Washington & Buffalo		\$18,000

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in Washington and Buffalo (6,000) plus duty for 6,000 or 5%

Place a lien on the property of the Calline Farm in exchange for his 1/2 interest  
in Washington and Buffalo (6,000) plus duty for 6,000 or 5%

Proposition for settlement:

A	One taking both Washington lot (\$12,500) + paying for the 1/2 interest in Buffalo lot (\$5,500) + paying for the 1/2 interest in Calline Farm (\$18,000)	\$12,000
B	One taking 1/2 Washington lot (\$6,250) + 1/2 Buffalo lot (\$2,750) + paying for the 1/2 interest in Calline Farm (\$18,000)	\$12,000

Same 1850



June 6, 1918.

Messrs. McLanahan & Burton,  
Union Trust Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

My Mother, Caroline Hart Merriam, who died in 1893, left three parcels of real estate in three widely separated localities, which real estate was inherited by her three children, C. Collins Merriam, of Lyons Falls, Lewis County, New York, C. Hart Merriam, of Washington, D. C., and Florence Merriam, now Mrs. Florence Merriam Bailey, of Washington, D. C. This property has remained undivided.

The three heirs (my brother, sister, and myself) are anxious to divide the property in such manner as to acquire individual instead of joint holdings, and have agreed upon the following approximate values and terms of settlement:

PROPERTY:

1. Collins Farm, Collinsville, N. Y. (Lewis Co.)  
(Dairy farm of about 185 acres with buildings).
2. Two lots on E. side of 16th St., between T and Caroline Sts., (Sq. 190) 3600 sq. ft.
3. One lot on Ferry St., Buffalo, N. Y.  
(166½ ft. front)

APPROXIMATE VALUES.

Collins Farm		\$18,000
Washington Lots	\$12,500	
Buffalo Lot	5,500	
Combined value of Washington and Buffalo lots		\$18,000

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PROPOSITION FOR SETTLEMENT:

C. C. Merriam to acquire Collins Farm in exchange for his one-third interest in Washington and Buffalo lots (\$6,000) plus first mortgage for \$6,000 at 5%.

Florence Merriam Bailey and C. Hart Merriam to acquire individual holdings as follows:

Florence Merriam Bailey to take the Collins Farm mortgage and one of the Washington lots.

C. Hart Merriam to take the other Washington lot, the Buffalo lot and \$300.00 cash.

The lot to be deeded to Florence Merriam Bailey may be thus described: the south 4½ feet of lot 47 and the whole of lot 46, Dillon B. Groff's subdivision of Sq. 190. The lot to be deeded to C. Hart Merriam: the south 12 feet of lot 49 and the north 10½ feet of lot 48, Dillon B. Groff's subdivision of Sq. 190. Each lot thus described will have a frontage of 22½ feet on 16th Street, by a depth of 80 feet to alley.

I will be obliged if you will draw up the necessary papers and attend to the distribution of the property as above described. In so doing you will find it necessary to correspond with my brother, C. Collins Merriam, whose address is Lyons Falls, Lewis County, New York; and probably also with Geo. L. Guinther, 1022 White Building, Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Guinther is the real estate agent with whom you dealt a couple of years ago in the matter of the sale of other Buffalo real estate.

I am handing you herewith deeds, releases, tax re-



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ceipts and other papers relating to the Washington and Buffalo lots in question, as per accompanying invoice.

Mrs. Merriam and myself expect to leave for California in the near future. It would save a good deal of time if some of the necessary papers could be made ready for our signatures before we go.

Very truly yours,

*Edith Merriam*

P. S. When you have finished with them, please return to me the deed covering my house lot (all of lot 50 and north 6 feet of lot 49), and also the one covering north 10½ feet of 48 and south 12 feet of 49. Recd. Nov. 1918 *Edith*

The deed covering all of 46 and south 4½ feet of 47 will go to my sister, Mrs. Florence Merriam Bailey.

*Edith*  
7. M. Bailey  
1834 Kalorama Road



LIST OF PAPERS RELATING TO WASHINGTON AND BUFFALO REAL  
ESTATE GIVEN McLANAHAN AND BURTON, WASHINGTON, D.C.  
BY C. HART MERRIAM, June 7, 1918

A. Washington Property in Sq. 190 Dillon B. Groffe Sub-division  
fronting on Sixteenth Street between Caroline and T Streets

1. Four Deeds: Recorded Oct. 26, 1886, W. A. Johnson  
to James G. Payne lots 46, 47, 48, 49, 50;  
Recorded March 21, 1887, James G. Payne to B. E.  
Pernow lot 46 and south  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet of lot 47;  
Recorded March 21, 1887, James G. Payne to C.  
Hart Merriam, lots 48, 49, 50, and north  $13\frac{1}{2}$  feet  
of lot 47; Recorded June 27, 1890, C. Hart  
Merriam to Caroline H. Merriam north  $10\frac{1}{2}$  feet of  
lot 48 and south 12 feet of lot 49.

2. Eight Releases: Recorded March 29, 1886;  
March 21, 1887; March 22, 1887; two (Nos. 36 & 37)  
Sept. 6, 1887; May 5, 1888; Dec. 10, 1889;  
June 27, 1890.

3. Four Deeds of Trust: Recorded Dec. 5, 1885;  
Oct. 26, 1886; March 22, 1887; May 5, 1888;

4. Four Title Searches: Dec. 31, 1883 to Dec. 5, 1885;  
to May 7, 1888; March 9, 1887 to April 26, 1889;  
April 26, 1889 to Nov. 17, 1890.

5. Abstract of Title to Whole of Sq. 190, July 9,  
1794 to Jan. 31, 1879.

6. Envelope of Miscellaneous Papers relating to  
Titles.

7. Tax Receipts.

B. Buffalo Property 166 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet front on South Side Ferry Street

1. Deeds: Warranty Deed, Rich to Sheldon, Mar. 1, 1854;  
Warranty Deed, Sheldon to J. C. Merriam, April 24, 1857;  
Deed, J. C. Merriam to C. B. Collins, May 11, 1857  
(recorded June 30, 1857); Deed (quit claim blanket)  
Slade to Caroline H. Merriam, Feb. 5, 1887.

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2. Mortgage: Sheldon to A. J. Rich, March 1, 1854.

3. Tax Sale Certificates: 2 to R. T. Turner, Feb. 9, 1869;  
2 to R. T. Turner, July 2, 1870; to W. H. Slade,  
July 3, 1885.

4. Tax Searches and Redemptions: 3 Tax Searches;  
4 Redemptions (Redemptions dated May 20, 1902;  
Feb. 21, 1903; Dec. 31, 1902; July 14, 1890).

5. Tax Receipts: City, County, and Special.

Recd. back from Merchant & Burton  
all the above documents, and also  
new deeds to lot adjoining my house on 16th  
Washington, and to lot of 166 $\frac{1}{2}$  ft front  
on Ferry St., Buffalo, N.Y.

Nov. 22, 1918  
C. Hart Merriam



June 7, 1918.

Mr. N. E. Ryan,  
1423 F Street,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 6th inst. would say that the property in question fronts on 16th St. between my home (1919-16th) and the house next south (1905-16th). It consists of lots 46, 47, 48, and south 12ft. of 49, Sq. 190, Dillon B. Groffs subdivision, having collectively a frontage of 66 ft. on 16th. We are now arranging to subdivide so that my sister will own the south 43½ ft. while I will own the north 22½ ft. (adjoining my house).

We prefer to sell outright, but might consider exchange for desirable improved property as part payment.

I expect to leave for California in a few days to be gone till late in the fall.

Respectfully,

*C. M. Merriam*

June 13, 1918.

McLanahan & Burton,  
Union Trust Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Burton:

Replying to your letter of the 12th inst., would say that I do not think that I possess a description of the Collins farm, which is located in Collinsville, Lewis Co., New York. My brother, C. Collins Merriam, probably has whatever papers remain relating to the farm.

Mr. Guinther of Buffalo knows nothing about this farm and probably never heard of it, as it is located a couple of hundred miles away. He knows about our Buffalo property, but not about anything else.

Very truly yours,

*C. M. Merriam*



June 14, 1918.

McLanahan & Burton,  
Union Trust Building,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Burton:

Herewith I am handing you a certified copy of the Will of Charles E. Collins, who died in 1881. Charles E. Collins, owner of the Collins farm, was my mother's brother, and as you will see by the will left the bulk of his property to her; thus the Collins farm came to my mother, and through her to my brother, sister, and myself, by Will, not by Deed.

A letter just received from my brother, C. Collins Merriam, states that he has examined the old records in the County Clerk's Office at Lowville, Lewis County, N. Y., and found in Book A of Deeds the record of Deed from Wm. Constable, by his attorney, Nathaniel Shaler, to Jonathan Collins, dated July 30, 1800. This Deed conveys 197 acres in lot 49, town of West Turin (then Turin) for a consideration of 135 pounds and 4 shillings, legal money of the State of New York. The original 197 acres was later reduced by the sale of a few small lots, so that the Collins farm at present comprises 180-185 acres.

In case pedigrees should be of interest, it may be noted that the Jonathan Collins above mentioned was the father of Levi Collins, who in turn was the father of Charles E. Collins, my mother's brother.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Merriam*



June 17, 1918.

McLanahan & Burton,  
Union Trust Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Burton:

Since writing you a couple of days ago, I have received from my brother a number of important papers relating to the Collins farm, which he did not know were in existence. He dug them up in the old family vault.

The following is a list of the documents in question, which I am submitting to you herewith:

1. Deed of Collins farm from Jonathan Collins to Levi Collins, dated May 1, 1801; Recorded March 13, 1804, Book E of Deeds, Onondaga County, New York, pp. 335-336. Described as lot 49, township 4 of Turin, County of Onondaga, <sup>adjoining</sup> High Falls on Black River (138 1/4 acres). Note: Since the execution of this Deed, Onondaga County has been divided and the town of Turin for the past 50 years at least has been, and still is, in Lewis County.

2. Plat of Township No. 4 in Turin, copied from an old manuscript (pencil line showing boundary between town of Turin and west Turin. No date).

3. Plat of lots 41, 42, 43 and 50 in Township No. 4, lines as surveyed June 22, 1854 (lot 49 to C. B. Collins).

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4. Description of lot 49 Township No. 4 in Turin, from survey by Benjamin Wright in 1795 (belonging to C. B. Collins in 1866).

Also on same blue sheet: survey of Township No. 3 in Turin made by Moses Wright in 1798 (copy of survey of lot 111, town of Turin, part of which belongs to C. B. Collins).

5. Description of parts of lot 49, homestead sold Collinsville (6 pieces of paper, including plat).

6. Plat of Collins farm (showing roads and also showing part of farm on west side of east road, made in 1872).

7. Deed (unsigned form) from C. Hart Merriam and Florence Merriam Bailey, conveying their 2/3 interest in Collins farm, to C. Collins Merriam.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



June 29, 1918.

Hon. H. B. F. Macfarland,  
1222 F Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Macfarland:

Herewith I am enclosing my check for  
\$24 in payment of my promised contribution to the  
Red Cross fund through you, making in all \$96 con-  
tributed in connection with the recent "drive".

Very truly yours,

*C. H. H. Meriam*



Lagunitas, Calif.

July 17, 1918

City Treasurer  
Buffalo  
New York

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing certified check on the Crocker National Bank of San Francisco for \$104.17 in payment of city tax for fiscal year 1918-1919 on 166½ ft. front on Ferry Street, in accordance with accompanying bill.

I notice that this property is assessed in the name of Charles B. Collins, who died more than thirty years ago. It should be assessed to me.

The address to which the bill was sent (1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.) is my premanent address, but as I shall remain at Lagunitas, California until October, I shall be obliged if you will kindly send the receipt to me here.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Lagunitas, Calif.

July 17, 1918

Dear Collins:

Since arriving here I have paid the Buffalo City tax on the remaining Ferry Street lot 166½ ft. front. This tax I find is divided into 2 parts. The first amounting to \$55.54 must be paid in July to avoid penalty. The second half need not be paid until the end of the year, although I have just paid the whole thing to save bother. It occurs to me that the first half (\$55.54) should properly be charged to the Collins Farm. Is this not correct?

It is cooler here than I remembered, the thermometer falling nights to 50-54; and the highest day temperature so far has been only 74°. The thrushes are still singing sublimely, but will quit soon.

I have about finished pulling the weeds and tall grass out of the fern beds so that the place begins to look as of old.

As ever,

Hart -

Mr. C. Collins Merriam  
Lyons Falls, Lewis Co.,  
New York



Lagunitas, Calif.

July 17, 1918

Woodward and Lothrop  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Mrs. Merriam and myself have just received our bills for June, mailed July 11 and forwarded from Washington to our summer address as above. Mrs. Merriam's bill of \$1.50 appears to be correct, except that you have not charged for a plated platter and vegetable dish purchased on or about June 10.

The bill made out to C. A. Merriam at the Northumberland for \$5.50 is a mystery to me, and if intended for me I shall be obliged if you will kindly tell me what the amount is for. I am returning this bill to you herewith. On receipt of corrected bill we will remit promptly.

Respectfully,

C. A. Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.

July 24, 1918

McLanahan & Burton  
Union Trust Bldg.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Burton:

Thanks for yours of the 17th inst. just received.

I am glad to know that the business incident to the final division of the real estate left by my mother has been completed, and am obliged to you for taking care of the various papers until my return about the end of October.

I had expected to see you before leaving Washington, but the securing of railroad accommodations consumed so much time that I was unable to do so. The fact that I was obliged to remain in Washington to sign the papers several weeks after the time set for going to California will explain my impatience, which I trust you and Mr Boyd will forgive.

We are all much pleased with the way you have accomplished the division. Please send your bill to my brother C. Collins Merriam, Lyons Falls, New York, and oblige,

Very truly yours,



*Lagunita, Calif.*

July 30, 1918

National Metropolitan Bank

Washington, D.C.

Enclosed please find check for \$40, the same being  
balance due on 3d Liberty Bond of \$100, as per accompanying  
card.

Please hold bond for me until called for.

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*J. Elmer Morrison*



Lagunitas, Calif.

August 14, 1918.

Postmaster, Eureka,  
Humboldt County, California.

Dear Sir:

I will be obliged if you will forward to the above address an envelope of photographs sent to me at Eureka a week or so ago but which I was unable to obtain because the Post Office was closed during the mornings and evenings I spent in Eureka.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Lagunitas, Calif.

August 13, 1918.

Mr. George W. White, President,  
National Metropolitan Bank,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. White:

Enclosed is my check for \$100 in payment of August and September instalments on \$500 Third Liberty Bonds which you are holding for me until payment is completed.

I should have sent this earlier but returned only last night from a nine hundred mile trip in the northern part of the State where I visited Indians on Humboldt Bay and Klamath Canyon.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



Lagunitas, Calif.  
August 16, 1918

Dear Florence and VB:

On returning from my trip up the Coast and in the Klamath Canyon, I found VB's letter of August 9 about the Liebig skull, for which I am thankful. I have written Liebig by this mail straightening the matter out.

Zygadenus grows here at Lagunitas, but is mighty scarce. I remember finding only one or two specimens during the years we have lived here, but if I come across any more will try to dig up the bulbs.

Chlorogaleum does not occur here at all but is common on Russian River and Clear Lake. If I go up there later, I will get some.

But what is the use wasting time trying to dig up bulb poisons related to squills when strychnine is so much better? Some years ago I wasted a lot of time in a similar way, but came out at the end with the feeling that strychnine would do what any of the others would do and do it quicker and with greater certainty.

Please hold my tax receipt sent by Coll until my return.

Dr. Stephens and family spent a week-end with us just before I started North. They are all well.

That trip up North took me into some country I had seen before and some that was new, and impressed me greatly with the variety and attractiveness of the scenery. Eel River above the Redwood belt is a good deal like Marin County, only more rocky

and with black rock cliffs jutting out from the canyon in many places. The Redwood forest you know about, but lumbering on the Lower Eel has destroyed many of the splendid stands which VB and I rode ~~the~~ 19 years ago.

From Humboldt Bay I went N by stage to Orick, then crossed the mouth of Redwood Creek and went up through the Bald Hills for 15 or 20 miles to an altitude of 3500 ft, and then descended to Klamath Canyon, crossing on the bridge at Martins Ferry, and going thence up the N side of the river past Wetchpek to Orleans Bar. I saw no ~~digger~~ pines, though expecting to find them where the Trinity joins the Klamath. There are some Ponderosa pines and many Douglas spruces scattered through the forests of oak and madrone.

This part of the Klamath Canyon is deeper and finer than other parts which I have traversed. In one place the road is a thousand feet above the river and the canyon walls go on up above the road for another thousand feet.

I stopped at the house of a half-breed at Orleans Bar and expect to stop there longer on the next trip, which I am planning from Happy Camp S to Orleans and Wetchpek and hence W to the coast. Sixty miles of it is by trail. I may take Z along although there might be trouble in getting horses at Happy Camp. From Wetchpek to the coast I plan to go by canoe with an Indian.

Sorry you have had such a hard time with the heat. Our



highest at Lagunitas has been 82°, but that is very unusual. Today, which is bright and clear, the highest is 68°. At Humboldt Bay the temperature ranged from 50° to 60°, but when I reached Orleans in Klamath Canyon at 7 PM it stood at 94°, and during the same afternoon had registered 104°. The cool redwood belt of Klamath River stops at Pekwan, between Requa and Wetchpek.

As ever,

*Hart*

*Lagunitas, Calif.*

August 16, 1918

Miller-Dudley Co.  
1624 Fourteenth St.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

On returning from a trip of 900 miles in northwestern California, I found your belated bill of \$19.50 for "repairs on battery" -- which I interpret to mean, care and storage of battery last year and rental of battery this year. My check in payment is enclosed herewith and I wish to thank you for your many courtesies.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*



Lagunitas

September 1, 1918.

Mr. Arch M. Gilbert,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Arch:

The enclosed letter from Professor Cattell, Editor of "Science," explains itself. I have written him that I have no photograph of your father here in California but that you might have one which you would be willing to send him.

I have just returned from an exceedingly disagreeable though interesting trip in northern Trinity County. The mid-day temperature every day ranged from 105° to 108° and I found the same temperature in Sacramento Valley on the way home. Lagunitas seems like another world.

I had hoped that you would drop in here last night or this morning, but you seem to be otherwise engaged.

Trusting that you are getting on finely in closing your various business affairs, ~~that we shall see you on long~~

As ever yours,

C. Collins Merriam

Room 411 Mills Building.

1000-1000

Lagunitas, Calif.

September 1, 1918.

Dear Collins:

On returning night before last from a field trip among the rugged mountains of northern California, I found your letter of August 23 containing two checks, one of \$55.54, reimbursement of buffalo taxes to July, the other on account of Collins' farm, for both of which I am very much obliged.

The interior mountain country I have just been working in is fearfully hot, 106° to 108° every day, and forest fires are destroying lots of valuable timber, mainly Ponderosa Pine and Douglas Spruce. Our climate at Lagunitas, where the thermometer rarely reaches 80°, is a great relief.

I traveled part of the way by automobile stage over fair roads which were only horse-back trails when Bailey and I traveled them with a pack outfit twenty-odd years ago. Have recently traveled more than 400 miles by stage and have collected some important material from the rapidly vanishing Indians of the region.

You seem to be up against it with Simon. It does not pay to keep a man after the drink habit gets him, but so long as the war continues it is going to be mighty hard to get competent men for any kind of work. The young men are gone or are rapidly going. The train I came down on from the north was full of soldier boys from Camp Lewis bound for San Diego, and thence no one knows where.

With love to all,

As ever,

C. Collins Merriam  
Lyons Falls, New York.

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Dear Arch:

Sept. 8, 1918

Yours of yesterday just recd. Glad to know just a little of what you have been up to, and that we may xpkt to see you here in the near future. But dont come Wednesday morning, as we all are going to the City to lunch with Mrs Harriman on that day.

Why not come back with us Wednesday evening? We xpkt to take the 4:45 train for San Rafael.

Wish I might have been with you all on Saint Helena. I've tramped down a lot of manzanita brush on the big plateau top more than once, and your good friend Mollie has more than once kept my ribs from falling in! And still I would'nt mind trying it again.

The series of panoramas one beholds in clear weather when coming down the grade from Toll House are hard to beat, even in the Sierra.

We all are most anxious to risk an eye on the pictures of that Gilbert kid--so do'nt on any account forget 'em.

Since you are so kind as to suggest errands, I'd be obliged if you will coax your friend Tower to make decent prints in place of the two enclosed--which he should have had enough self respect to withhold from public gaze.

Till Wednesday,

So long.



Lagunitas, Calif.  
September 9, 1918.

Equitable Life Assurance Society,  
Mr. V. F. Bourne, Cashier,  
501-507 Munsey Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the accompanying notifications of premium and dividend, I am enclosing my check herewith for \$242.45, the same being the premium, \$264.55, less the dividend, \$22.10.

What has become of the dividend for which I filled a blank last May? I infer from your notification that the present dividend of \$22.10 has accrued since the last annual dividend and is payable now in order to change the date of payment to agree with that of the premium. So far as I am aware, I did not receive the last annual dividend.

Respectfully,

*E. H. Thurman*



Sept. 13, 1918

Mr. Geo. W. White, President  
National Metropolitan Bank  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr White:

Enclosed is my check for \$50 in payment of October instalment on \$500 Third Liberty Bonds which you are holding for me until payment is completed.

We are having the first rain of the season (first since last April) and it is very welcome.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,





Lagunitas, Calif.

Oct. 7, 1918

Mr Geo. W. White,  
President, Nat. Metropolitan Bank  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr White:

Herewith I hand you my check on the Crocker National  
Bank of San Francisco for \$510, which I shall be obliged if  
you will kindly apportion as follows:

Final payt on my \$500 of 3d Liberty Bonds	\$200
On ac my outstanding note	100
Purchase of \$100 4th Liberty Bond for my daughter, Zenaïda Merriam	100
1st payt. on \$300 4th Liberty for myself	60
1st payt on another \$100 for Zenaïda	10
On a c \$200 4th Liberty for V. Elizabeth M	40
	<u>\$510</u>

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Encl. by post 1.90



Nov. 8, 1918

Cashier  
Marin Co. Nat'l Bank  
San Rafael, Calif.

Dear Sir:

On October 10 I subscribed, through Mr E.B.Gardner of  
San Geronimo, for one \$100 4th Liberty loan Bond, paying  
for the same in full. Mr Gardner told me that the Bond would  
come to your Bank for delivery. I shall be obliged therefore  
if you will kindly forward the Bond to Washington, addressed:

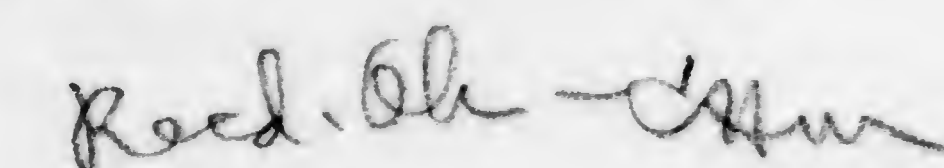
National Metropolitan Bank

Washington, D.C.

For Dr C.Hart Merriam

Please send by Registered mail. Postage and registration  
fee enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,





Nov. 12, 1918

Miss Mabel H. Ward  
5516 4th Ave.  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Pardon the liberty of a stranger in writing to ask where you are and whether it would be practicable to meet me to discuss the possibility of work in my office here in Washington.

I am in need of a competent stenographer, and have no end of work on hand along the lines of ethnology, zoology, and botany.

Kindly let me hear from you.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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Nov. 14, 1918

Miss Mabel H. Ward  
5516 4th Ave.  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Miss Ward:

Thanks for your prompt reply. I am very glad to know that you are willing to consider the matter of a position in my office. I had thought of going to New York, but on second thought feel that it would be much better for you to come on here so that you may see for yourself just what I am trying to do and how the material is arranged.

If you can do this, I will of course pay your expenses. And the sooner you come the better, as we both shall be glad to have the matter settled. If you take an early morning train from New York you will arrive in the early afternoon, and may return next day.

Mrs Merriam says to ask you to come direct to our house, 1919 16th Street, where we will put you up for the night.

If I knew you by sight, I'd meet you at the station. Let's risk it anyhow. Wire me the time your train is due to arrive here, and stand in the doorway of the Womas's Waiting Room, and I'll try to find you.

Very truly yours,

Last 387

next 391

C. M. Merriam



Nov. 22, 1918.

Dear Mr. Burton:  
Glad to know that you have undertaken  
to help the deserving Romanians to get on  
their feet again, and am enclosing my check  
of ten dollars to help along a little.  
With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

*Wm. H. Burton*

Mr. H. R. Burton  
Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C.  
Nov. 22, 1918.

Received this day from McLanahan & Burton all the Deeds, Deeds of Trust,  
Title Searches, Tax Receipts and other papers given them by me June 7, 1918,  
relating to properties then owned in part by me located on Sixteenth Street  
Washington, D.C. (adjoining my house, 1919 16th St.), and on Ferry Street,  
Buffalo, New York (166½ feet front), together with new Deeds conveying  
same to me. *Wm. H. Burton*



Nov. 26, 1918.

Dear Mr. Burton:

Glad to know that you have undertaken to help the deserving Roumanians to get on their feet again, and am enclosing my check of ten dollars to help along a little.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hall Merriam*

Mr H. R. Burton  
Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C.  
Nov. 26, 1918.

Received this day from McLanahan & Burton all the Deeds, Deeds of Trust, Title Searches, Tax Receipts and other papers given them by me June 7, 1918, relating to properties then owned in part by me located on Sixteenth Street Washington, D.C. (adjoining my house, 1918 16th St.), and on Perry Street, Buffalo, New York (166 1/2 feet front), together with new Deeds conveying same to me.

*C. Hall Merriam*

Nov. 27, 1918.

Dear Mr Martinelli:

Glad to hear from you and to know that you have painted the porch and planted the young trees. Did you fix the chimney so the rains will not beat in?

I am enclosing my check on Crocker Bank for \$28 in payment of your bill (\$15 for the paint and \$13 for your services.).

I have paid the National Geographic Society your dues (\$2) for 1919, and will send receipt when it comes in.

With best wishes to you all, in which Mrs Merriam and Zenaida join,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hall Merriam*

Mr Pompeo Martinelli  
Legunitas, Calif.



Nov. 28, 1918.

My dear Miss Ward:

Thanks for your letter which arrived last evening. While regretting your decision we all appreciate your feelings, especially the dread of homesickness among strangers in a strange place. It is hard enough for a young man, and naturally must be worse for a girl.

But I cannot let you suffer the loss of your expenses in coming on here at my request, as that is in the line of official business. A check for the amount will go to you early in the month.

Mrs Merriam and my daughter wish to be kindly remembered.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Merriam*

Miss Mabel H. Ward  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

*See 387, 388*



## F E M A L E

Wanted: Stenographer and office assistant, capable and orderly.  
 Old enough to have had experience; young enough to be willing to  
 do things my way. Knowledge of Spanish helpful but not essential.  
 Phone North 7619.

Nov 28, 1918

Had 57 applicants  
*done*

December 6 1918

Dear Arch:

Thanks for yours of November 26. You certainly had a curious time with your last Liberty Loan subscription, and it would be interesting to know what became of the \$100 check.

The last 'Who's Who' I sent you by express a few days ago, addressed to Room 411 Mills Building.

It is a great pity that you were not here during the past few days. As an outcome of the insertion of a few lines in the 'Star' I have been holding a four day reception for stenographers, of whom to date I have seen 52. You would naturally have been of great assistance. *C. M. Martinelli*

I am very glad to know that Martinelli has attended to the roof leak on the side of the chimney--this is the only one we discovered.

Angie has recently changed her job, having shifted to another branch of the Red Cross. She is well and as sunny as ever. She and Z have fewer Sunday walks and evening parties than usual--probably owing to the absence of the proper boys.

My brother and his wife from northern New York are making us a visit. The two officers (a Colonel and a Major) occupying your rooms expect to be graduated from the War College tomorrow, but have no information as to what will happen afterward.

With love from us all,

Arch M. Gilbert  
 San Francisco  
 Calif.

As ever,

*C. M. Martinelli*



December 6, 1918

Dear Professor Hall:

Your letter of November 28 has only today reached me, forwarded from Legunitas. Evidently there is a tight wall between the Merriam and Hall families, which for the benefit of both should be perforated.

We were most anxious to remain in California until Christmas, but the arbitrary Government Housing Board ruled otherwise, and threatened the confiscation of our Washington house. I wired for extension of time, in reply to which they fixed the limit at October 31, and as a compensation required that we fill all available bedrooms with soldiers or war workers. We were therefore obliged to set sail on October 28, since which now distant date we have been living on present regrets and past memories.

As an offset we are planning a gigantic effort to get away in the early spring and hope to have a long season where life is worth living. Furthermore, we are anxious to count the rings of growth on the new ruler of the Hall family, and at the same time Grandma Merriam is most anxious to demonstrate to the Hall family the superior and altogether incomparable virtues of her two grandchildren.

With love and best wishes to you all from all of us,

Prof. H.M.Hall  
1615 La Brea Ave.  
Berkeley, Calif.

As ever yours,

*E. H. Merriam*



Dear Julia:

December 10, '18.

Thanks for your reminder written on my 63rd birthday.

Yesterday, I visited my safe deposit box and clipped your coupon of \$20.00 and am enclosing the same herewith.

Collins is improving slowly. He has had a hard time with his teeth and also with the back of his neck and shoulder. We hope he will be permanently improved before he and Flo return to the North before Christmas.

Dorothy's new baby appears to be a perfectly healthy specimen, and evidently is blessed with a lusty voice. The first one now weighs 24½ pounds, and from all accounts is most fascinating.

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If you see Clint and Hetta, give them my love. Clint must have a new supply of entirely new stories, which I would like to hear.

We have no servant this winter, and our house is chock full. We have a major and a colonel rooming on the third story, in addition to C.C., Flo, and Zeneida. Hence, the Merriam family has its hands full, as you may imagine.

With love from us all.

As every yours,

Mrs. C. L. Merriam,  
133 E. 49th St.,  
Cosmopolitan Club,  
New York City.



Dec. 15, 1918

Dear Arch:

Many thanks for the acorns; they came in fine shape and we will see if we can rig up the proper machinery for reducing them to flour.

I envy you your youth and legs--not to mention heels--and would give a whole closet full of old shoes if I could stand a walk like the one you took to Bear Valley and the coast.

Don't blame you for feeling lonesome at Lagunitas evenings when all alone. I have had the same feelings myself. And speaking of lonesomeness, just for a moment think of the hundreds --yes, thousands--of poor girls who have come to this town as utter strangers, to help in the war work, and must spend most of their evenings alone in a strange place thinking of the homes they left behind them!

If you come East, come right to the house. Our soldier roomers (a Colonel and a Major) have just left, and my brother and his wife expect to start north this week.

With love from us all--no exceptions,

As ever,

*Sam*



December 23, 1918.

The Secretary of the Treasury,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On November 8, last, I deposited in the proper office in the Treasury Building two Liberty Loan Bonds of \$100.00 each, along with the necessary cash in payment of one coupon each, which had been detached. For each of these, I received a receipt.

I have now received from you under date of December 14, one \$100.00 Liberty Loan Bond, 4-1/4 Second Liberty converted. The other one has not yet been heard from. What has become of it?

Respectfully,

CHM/MG

*C. H. McMillan*

*Later read ok*

December 23, 1918.

Mr. A. L. Johnson,  
Asst. Treas., American Motors Corp.,  
141 Broadway,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 16th inst. is at hand with enclosed Treasury Note in renewal of a previous one which I held. In compliance with your request, I am returning the original for cancellation, and with it the original of the previous note, which I was unable to return, since I was in California at the time of extension.

While not wishing to put you to the trouble of writing a long letter, I should appreciate the favor if you will kindly tell me what the present outlook of American Motors is.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

CHM/MG

*C. H. McMillan*



Jan. 5, 1919

My dear Miss Ward:

Your change of heart came too late, at least for the present, as I have two stenographer-assistants on trial. One came a month ago, the other the middle of December.

After the signing of the Armistis I let it be known that I wanted a stenographer. The response was a deluge--no fewer than 57 calling at my house. For a few days my daughter and myself were driven almost to the verge of despair, but we finally weathered the flood and are now settled down to the usual office work.

Should a change be necessary later, I will gladly keep you in mind.

Very truly yours,  
Miss Mabel Ward  
Brooklyn, N.Y. *C. Eastman*



Mr W. I. Adams  
Accountant,  
Smithsonian Institution.

Jan. 11, 1919.

Dear Mr Adams:

At your convenience will you kindly send me your annual statement of receipts and disbursements under the Harriman Fund. for the year ending December 31, 1918, and oblige.

I shall be further obliged if you will increase the salary of Miss Stella R. Clemence from \$140 to \$150 per month, and add to the Harriman Fund pay roll until further notice Miss Manie B. Gandy and Miss Frances Mulheron, each at \$110 per month, all to take effect from January 1, 1919.

Very truly yours,

*E. Harriman*

See 352 & 406



January 27, 1919.

Dear C. C.:

Very many thanks for the concentrated juice of the maple tree, which has arrived in splendid condition, and has already been sampled by the entire family and found thoroughly toothsome. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending it.

We are having pretty fine winter weather at this end of the line, with no snow at all. Apparently you would like a little more in Lewis County.

We are glad to know that Dillie has returned to comfort her husband; and that Augusta has gone to New York for a much needed change and rest.

With love to you all,

As ever,  
*W. J. C.*

January 27, 1919.

Dear J. C.:

You have now been gone in the neighborhood of a month and that blessed boy of yours has failed to show up. We are still holding a letter from you addressed to him, but it is now so long since he was to have arrived that we fear he may not be coming at all. Please tell me whether I shall return the letter or whether there is still hope.

Trusting that you found Mrs. J. C. much improved, and that you all are thriving and enjoying the privileges and blessings of the Golden State,

As ever yours,  
*W. J. C.*



January 31, 1919.

National City Bank,  
55 Wall St.,  
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is Ownership Certificate for my  
Imperial Russian Government 6½ credit, the semi-  
annual interest of which, now overdue, has not been  
received.

Respectfully,

CHM/MG

*C. H. Merriam*

January 31, 1919.

Mr. Robert Burson,  
President, American Motors Corp.,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your request of the 27th inst.,  
just received, asking me to subscribe for another  
Treasury Note of \$100 in American Motors, I herewith  
enclose my check for \$96 in accordance with the accompany-  
ing subscription blank, making to date three of these  
notes held by me.

The company evidently has had a hard struggle  
during the past few months, as shown by your report for  
year ended December 31. I trust however that you will  
succeed in marketing the new Ownerships, and that the  
coming season will be a record one for the corporation.  
I hope also that you will succeed in establishing an  
agency in this city. And if I may be permitted to make  
a criticism, I would like to express the additional hope  
that the appearance of the car be improved by a different  
hood, the present one giving it a pug-nosed appearance  
too much like that of the Overland.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM/MG

*C. H. Merriam*



February 11, 1919.

Dear Flo:

It has taken me a long time to return your clipping with copy of same on Roosevelt, but I have been extremely busy and the matter dropped out of sight for a while.

We are having a wonderful winter for Washington, mainly cold and clear, with almost no snow. The little snow that has fallen has usually melted the same day or the next.

How are you all at the Falls? We were mighty glad to learn that Augusta had gone to New York for a change. She must have needed it badly, and I hope it will do her much good. We all are well and reasonably occupied. I still go to Spanish class every other night, and as Elizabeth has not yet broken off her habit of censoring the movies, we do not have many evenings at home. Nevertheless, the fire in the library fireplace

has managed to consume half a cord more of wood since you and Collins left. We hope he has had no return of the head and neck trouble, and that the new dental armature is operating satisfactorily.

With love from us all,

CHM/MG

Feb. 21, 1919

Mr W.I. Adams,  
Accountant, Smithsonian Inst.  
Dear Mr Adams:

I shall be obliged if you will raise the salary of my stenographer and Assistant, Miss Manie Gandy, from \$110 to \$120 per month. When Miss Gandy came she was reluctant to accept the position at the initial salary of \$110, and did so only on my assurance that if she made good her pay would be increased at once. She has more than made good, is a rapid and neat stenographer and an intelligent and willing assistant, so I do not want to lose her.

Please continue Miss Mulheron's salary at \$110, as per my letter of January 11, last.

Very truly yours,

*C. M. Adams*



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February 24, 1919.

Col. H. C. Rizer,  
U. S. Geological Survey,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Rizer:

Enclosed herewith is the copy I  
promised to send you of my tribute to  
G. K. Gilbert.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Merriam*

*For article, see Office Copy Book pp 112-121*

CHM/MG



March 3, 1919.

Dear Coll & Flo:

The Munster Cheese, Flo's letter, and Col's postal all reached us duly and were properly appreciated. We shall enjoy the cheese very much.

I thought Col would be pleased with that batch of Springfield Mountains which I found sandwiched in between some Indian tales in the Folk-Lore Journal.

It is good that you both are going to Boston for a little visit with Florrie Fisher Jackson. It will do you both good; and Dorothy will be mighty glad to see you and have you see her little ones.

So far, we have seen nothing of Clarence Fisher, but hope he will drop in some day.

Our spring weather continues, and we are hoping that winter has forgotten us altogether this time. It is only a fair offset to the misery of last winter.

With love from us all to you all,

As ever,



CHM/MG



March 12, 1919.

Dear Gertrude:

You have not received the February interest on your Visalia Building Association, and the Secretary of the Association, C. L. Johnson, has written me to inquire for your address, saying: "I am holding her interest check, as she has not notified me of her whereabouts."

Furthermore Johnson writes: "Owing to accumulation of money, we will have to take up some of our Full-paid shares, and would ask that you send in your certificate endorsed to the National Bank of Visalia for collection. We wish also to take up the Gertrude Allen shares."

Hence on receipt of Johnson's letter this morning, I went to my safe deposit box and took out your sealed envelope labeled as containing your certificates of ownership of Visalia Building Association and American Motors. I am sending this envelope to you by registered mail, insured. I trust that it will reach you safely. You will have to endorse your Visalia certificate on the back to the National Bank of Visalia and forward to C. L. Johnson, Secretary.

It is a pity that we have to turn in this admirable security which pays such high interest. On receipt of their check I expect to reinvest mine in Liberty Bonds.

GMA-2.

The envelope of your securities enclosed herewith, you will remember, is the last one left by you in my keeping. If you wish to return any securities or papers to be held for you in my safe deposit box, I shall be glad of course to take care of them; if not, kindly sign and return the accompanying receipt. *[Recd. receipt Allen - 10-11-19]*

You will be glad to know that the present outlook for American Motors is much brighter than ever heretofore.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM/MG

*C. H. M. Allen*

Miss Gertrude M. Allen,  
415 W 118th St.,  
New York City.



March 12, 1919.

Mr. C. L. Johnson, Secretary  
Visalia Building Association,  
Visalia, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst. arrived this morning with enclosed check of \$30 in payment of interest to February 1, for which I am obliged.

I regret however that you have found it necessary to take up my ten shares (value \$1,000), but in compliance with your request I am enclosing the same to you herewith by registered mail, endorsed to the National Bank of Visalia as per instructions.

Miss Gertrude Allen is in New York (415 W 118 St.), and I am writing her by this mail asking her to forward her certificate to you, endorsed in the same manner.

Kindly have payment sent to my Washington address, 1919 16th St., and oblige

Yours very truly,

*C. H. M.*

CHM/MG

March 12, 1919.

Mr. Proctor W. Hansl, Secretary  
American Motors Corporation,  
141 Broadway,  
New York City.

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of the 4th inst. telling me that your new cars are much improved in appearance, and that the company is now assured of ample funds for future requirements. This certainly is most gratifying. I am also glad to know that you are about to issue a new catalogue illustrating your new models. Shall be obliged if you will kindly send me two copies, and send one each to the following addresses:

George Bright, Nat'l. Metropolitan Bank, Washington, D. C.  
W. I. Thayer, Thayer Garage, San Rafael, Calif.

This is 'Automobile Week' in Washington, and I am sorry that the American is not represented here. I earnestly hope an agency may be established in this city during the coming year.

If you have an agency in San Francisco I should be obliged for the address, as I shall be out there again in the early summer.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. M.*

CHM/MG



March 15, 1919.

Mr. Proctor W. Hansl, Secretary  
American Motors Corporation,  
141 Broadway, New York City.

Dear Sir:

Acting on your suggestion of the 13th inst. I am enclosing herewith your application blank for the conversion of one of your Treasury Notes into American Motors Stock. I infer that this relates to the note falling due the 27th proximo. [No. 95]

I hold two other Treasury Notes, both of which also I am willing to convert into stock if you so desire. If so, please send another blank. [165 + 220]

Respectfully,

CHM/MG



March 24, 1919.

Dear Arch:

Glad to hear from you again. We have been wondering whether you had escaped from the lures of the South, and if so, how you were getting on in California.

Things here have been going on about as usual until day before yesterday when Dorothy, Henry, and their two kids arrived. Henry went to Philadelphia this morning to a meeting of the Shipping Board, after which he will return to Cambridge, coming back here again later on.

Many thanks for your purchases for Elizabeth. A check for the amount is enclosed herewith, with obligations for your trouble.

The mild winter we were having when you were here has continued to date and it is now so late that we feel relieved from further anxiety; besides, the leaves are beginning to show on the Tulips and a few other trees and the early Magnolias and Forsythias are already in flower.

Last evening Elizabeth and I dined with the Kents of Kentfield--first time we have seen them this winter.

With kindest regards to Miss Eastwood,

As ever yours,

CHM/MG

Mr. Arch M. Gilbert,  
411 Mills Building,  
San Francisco, Calif.

March 25, 1919.

Mr. P. H. Cochrane,  
County Assessor,  
San Rafael, Calif.

My dear Sir:

The assessment blank for 1919 relating to my property at Lagunitas has just reached me, having been forwarded by the postmaster at that place.

Having here no inventory of my property at Lagunitas, it is impossible for me to fill the blank. However there have been no changes whatever since last year or the year previous except the gradual deterioration of the automobile, which I have had since the early spring of 1913. If, therefore, you will be kind enough to base your assessment on a previous schedule, I shall be greatly obliged. There have been no changes either in the house itself or the contents of the house.

I have filled the automobile blank as well as I can away from the machine, but I do not remember the license number for 1918. The car is now in the Thayer Garage at San Rafael, so if you desire the 1918 number please phone Wilbur Thayer and he will give it to you.

Regretting my inability to fill the schedule properly,

Very truly yours,

CHM/MG



March 31, 1919.

Mr. Proctor W. Hansl, Secretary,  
American Motors Corporation,  
141 Broadway, New York City.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for yours of the 27th instant enclosing  
certificates for 60 shares each Preferred and Common stock  
American Motors in exchange for my Treasury Notes. The  
three notes, Nos. 95, 165, and 220, are enclosed herewith.

Yours very truly,

CHM/MG

*C. Hart Merriam*

P.S. Please send one of your new catalogues to  
Arch M. Gilbert, 411 Mills Building, San Francisco, Calif.,  
and another to Joseph Mailliard, Esq., 1815 Vallejo St.,  
San Francisco. And I think I can place three or four more  
copies to advantage in this city if you have them to spare.



April 1, 1919.

Dear Arch:

Your letter of March 21 addressed to the Jafe arrived a few days ago, followed by a package of the most glorious greens Washington has seen for many a day. Some of them were inclined to droop a little on arrival, but picked up immediately on having their stems stuck in water. The Madrone branches have taken I think fully a pint of water a day. It is remarkable how much and how steadily they drink. The Huckleberry is wonderfully beautiful and as fresh as the day you picked it. And we are greatly pleased to have the Umbellularia, for as soon as it dries up we will begin to burn a few leaves at a time every evening in the library in order to enjoy the wonderful fragrance.

Sorry you had that trouble with the padlock. I supposed it was trouble-proof, but a fellow is often fooled by such things.

Thanks for toting up the magazine and book mail. I supposed Martinelli had been doing this from time to time to prevent its accumulation in the postoffice. Am glad to know that 'Steep Trails' is in a safe place. It may rest there until our arrival.

Thanks also for the contribution to the Chinese trunk. Elizabeth seems to take a particularly gleeful view of this, and thinks it is the first time the aforesaid article has been put to any good use.

A.M.G.--2.

Dorothy and her two babies are here, all well and happy. Henry came for over Sunday, but had to go back Monday, stopping at Philadelphia en route to attend a meeting of the U.S. Shipping Board. We expect him later for a little visit.

Our fine spring weather continued until three or four days ago, when a cold storm struck us and is on yet.

With love from us all,

As ever,

CHM/MG

Mr. Arch M. Gilbert,  
411 Mills Building,  
San Francisco, Calif.



April 10, 1919.

Mr. H. Ralph Burton,  
Union Trust Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Burton:

Thanks for the new form of lease for the vacant  
lots south of my house. This is entirely satisfactory, and  
I am returning both copies to you herewith in order that you  
may obtain the necessary signatures, as suggested by you the  
last time I saw you. J. P. McCabe told Mrs. Merriam that he  
has an office in the Colorado Building.

Yours very truly,

*E. H. Merriam*

CHM/MG



April 10, 1919.

Mr. H. Ralph Barton,  
Union Trust Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Burton:

The noon mail, which arrived after I mailed my letter to you this morning, contained the enclosed letter and check from McCabe, which it seems best to send you in order that the matter may start right.

Yours very truly,

CHM/MG



April 22, 1919.

Collector of Taxes,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me tax bills for my house, 1919 16th St., the same covering Lot 50 and the north 6 feet of Lot 49, Square 190, at SE corner of Caroline and 16th Sts.; also tax bill for adjoining lot comprising south 12 feet of Lot 49, and north 10½ feet of Lot 48.

Respectfully,

CHM/MG

*C. H. M. M. G.*



April 23, 1919.

Mr. Gilbert H. Grosvenor, Editor  
National Geographic Society,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

Herewith I forward the application of Mrs. Florence Johnson, 1700 11th St. NW, Washington, D. C., for membership in the Society, along with check for \$2 in payment of dues for current year.

Very truly yours,

CHM/MG

*C. Hart Merriam*



April 26, 1919.

Collector of Taxes,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In response to my recent request (of April 22), you have sent me tax bill for my house property, 1919 16th St., covering Lot 50 and part of Lot 49, Square 190, amounting to \$165.41, but apparently have omitted the adjoining lot for which I asked the amount of the tax. I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly send me tax bill for south 12 feet of Lot 49 and north 10½ feet of Lot 48.

Respectfully,

CHM/MG

*C. M. H. M. G.*



April 26, 1919.

Dear Collins:

In poking through one of my safes I have just come across some tax receipts for the Collins farm and Cedar lot, which you evidently sent us last year when we were arranging the settlement, and which had since escaped my notice.

Henry and Dorothy returned by boat this morning from a short trip to Old Point. During their absence 'Naida acted as mother pro tem, and the youngsters seemed as happy as before the departure, which means that they were very happy indeed. They are lovely kids.

We have been having a cold snap with a gale of wind, but no damage seems to have been done except the loss of a few trees along some of the streets. Most of the city trees are now in full leaf, the others about half out. The early flowers are past, and the Blue Iris is now in full blast; Redbud and Dogwood are a little past prime.

Our love to you all,

CHM/MG

Mr. C. Collins Merriam,  
Lyons Falls, Lewis Co.,  
New York.



May 3, 1919.

National City Bank,  
55 Wall St.,  
New York City.

As holder of \$1,000 certificate of the Imperial  
Russian Government, 6½, 3-year credit, maturing next month,  
I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly inform me  
whether or not the certificate will be paid and taken up  
at this time.

Respectfully,

*C. Hart Merriam*

CHM/MG

Dr. C. Hart Merriam accepts with  
pleasure Dr. Bell's kind invitation  
for dinner on Friday evening, May 9,  
at 8 o'clock, to meet the President  
of the National Geographic Society.

May 3, 1919.



May 8, 1919.

Lee, Higginson & Co.,  
43 Exchange Place,  
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Three years ago when you were floating the Russian Government 6½ credit, I purchased \$1,000 of this investment through you. If I am correctly informed, this issue reaches maturity on June 18, next. Can you tell me whether or not it will be paid at this time?

A prompt reply will oblige.

Respectfully,

CHM/MG

*E. West Harrison*



May 9, 1919.

Mrs. R. T. Parker,  
232 Beresford Ave.,  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mrs. Parker:

Mrs. Marian Baker wishes me to tell you that the reason she has not answered your letter in person is that her daughter Barbara is ill with scarlet fever. She is doing well, and we trust that she will not be very sick. Mrs. Baker will write you as soon as it is considered safe to send letters out of the house--which will not be, of course, for several weeks.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. M. / M. G.*

CHM/MG

May 9, 1919.

Mrs. F. M. Ilgenfritz,  
1220 Hillcrest Ave.,  
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Dear Carrie:

Doubtless you will be properly elated at receiving a communication from all that is left of your antiquated uncle, and also to know that your other uncle of the same category, to-wit, Uncle Rizer, is likewise doing as well as could be expected at this season of the year.

But the immediate provocation of this epistle is a telephone message from your Aunt Marian to the effect that the doctor maintains that Barbara has acquired a mild case of scarlet fever, and therefore will be confined to the house for a period. She is doing well, and has a good nurse. Under the circumstances, Marian does not feel that you would appreciate a letter from her personally.

Dorothy and her two babies are with us for a visit, and the babies are certainly of the proper kind. In fact, their grandma insists that they are "simply adorable" and grandpa has no kick.

With love to your little self, and kind regards to your husband, whom I have not yet had the privilege of meeting.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. M. / M. G.*

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May 9, 1919.

Mr. Sidney D. Strong,  
City Manager's Office,  
Sault Sainte Marie, Mich.

Dear Sidney:

Marian, as you know, has had trouble with her eyes of late, but is now so much better that she considers herself practically well. But Barbara unfortunately developed a quinsy sore throat a few days ago, and her local physician announces that owing to her grasping disposition, she has acquired a mild case of scarlet fever. She is doing well, and has a good nurse. Marian wishes me to advise you of these facts, and you of course will tell your mother.

I will at intervals of two or three days keep you or your mother posted as to the course of affairs. At present all is going well.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Strong*

CHM/MG



May 12, 1919.

Mr. Henry D. Abbot,  
510 Fidelity Trust Building,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for your letter of the 5th inst. with formula for water-proofing concrete. I shall try this thoroughly as soon as the rain period lets up and the concrete and adjoining bricks dry out. You say that the concrete and brick-work "should be thoroughly dry, and if possible warm from the sun." If you can tell me how we are to induce the sun to shine down in that pit by the kitchen door, the information will be thankfully received. We have had about a week's rain, as you doubtless have learned from Dorothy, and it is still cold here.

I should have acknowledged your letter earlier but for two facts: one, that I was under pressure to finish a manuscript; the other, that Sunday intervened depriving me of a stenographer.

The keys came all right, and were welcome, though we should have been more glad if they had come in your own pocket.

The children have recovered from the slight colds they had a week or so ago, and appear to be well and happy. Beth has not yet shown any signs of diminishing enthusiasm for the type of amusement she aptly calls "Go by-by in car." Rain or shine it is all the same to her, provided she gets the ride.

H.A.--2.

We are counting on having Dorothy and the little ones with us until the time when we must begin to close the house for our trip to California, which will probably be sometime during the first week in June--at least this is what we are still aiming at.

Dorothy seems entirely well except in one respect. She has caught the 'Movie Germ' from her mother, and it may be difficult to eradicate it thoroughly from her system, but inasmuch as this lets me out evenings, I personally have no kick.

With love to you from us all, and hopes that you will be able to spend a few days with us before we go.

As ever yours,

CHM/MG



May 12, 1919.

Dear Coll:

It was mighty good of you to send us that tank of new sweets. Your letter came some days ago, but the perfected juice of the maple has only just arrived. We have opened it, and sampled it for lunch and found it, as usual in spring, most luscious. Elizabeth has filled a jar for Florence, and we will take it to her either today or tomorrow.

We are having a return of winter weather. The past week has been chilly, with much rain, so that the Potomac and Rock Creek are chuck full, but we hope it is over now.

Clarence Fisher phoned me when he was here, and I brought him and his wife and big-headed boy up to the house to see our folks. We were all glad to see them.

Dorothy and the babies are well, as are all of us for that matter, but Barbara Baker is sick in bed with scarlet fever--an unhappy complication. Her case seems to be rather mild, and she is reported as doing well. She has a trained nurse.

We saw the Sheldons last evening. They are planning to leave on June 2 to spend the summer in the wild woods of Nova Scotia. And we are hoping to get off the first week in June for Lagunitas.

C.C.M.--2.

Those little kiddies of Dorothy are most fascinating, and we all are going to miss them greatly. Elizabeth wants to take one of them along to Lagunitas, but I fear the supply of trustworthy milk on the train would hardly be equal to the demand.

With love to you all, including Augusta and her folks and Lyman and his folks,

As ever,

CHM/MG

Mr. C. C. Merriam,  
Lyons Falls,  
N. Y.



May 12, 1919.

Dear Doctor Stephens:

We were all glad to hear from you, to know that you all are well, and that you have been able to spend a few days at Lake County--even if you did have a hard time in pulling over Bottle Rock grade.

Glad you found Ceanothus divaricatus (which Jepson unites with incanus). It is a big strong thorny shrub, whose whitish stems attract attention.

There are ~~only~~ one or two large bushes of it at Lagunitas (in the Forest Knolls Division), and it is common in the Coast Ranges farther north.

No, I have not seen your friend John Evelyn's 'Sylva,' and shall be glad to have a peep into it.

So you are thinking of the Sierra for your summer's outing. You will undoubtedly have an interesting trip, particularly since you have been learning so many of the plants. But I fear it will not be practicable for me to join you, for the reason that so much field work has fallen on my shoulders, and must be attended to while I am still young. We shall miss you and think of you all, all the same.

We are working hard now to clean decks for California, and hope to get off the first week in June.

Dorothy and her two babies are with us, much to the joy of all. The youngsters are models of their kind, and most fascinating. Grandma Merriam does not see how she can ever get along without them.

With love to you all from all of us,  
As ever yours,

May 14, 1919

Dear Sidney:

Your letter of the 12th came today, just before I was about to write you anyway.

Marian has just phoned that Barbara is getting on splendidly and has passed the worst and feeling fine. They have an excellent nurse, which is half the battle.

They both send love to your mother, in which Mrs M. and I join, but there is nothing that she can do to help.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

Mr Sidney D. Strong  
647 Bingham Ave.  
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



May 22, 1919.

Mr. George L. Guinther,  
1022 White Building,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 16th inst. is at hand, and I am glad to know that there is a prospect of disposing of my remaining lot of 166½ feet front on Ferry Street. I should be glad to sell for a reasonable price, but if the sale is to be made this year, it ought to be done at once, for the reason that I am preparing to leave for California the first week in June, and expect to be gone until the end of the year. All of my deeds, tax receipts, and so on, are in a safe deposit box here, and they could not be opened during my absence.

Hence, if you are able to arrange a sale, please let me know at the earliest possible moment.

Very truly yours,

CHM/MG

*C. H. M. Guinther*



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May 23, 1919.

Funk & Wagnalls,  
354 4th Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I am enclosing check of \$4 in  
payment of subscription for Literary Digest for  
one year, to be sent to my daughter Mrs. H. D. Abbot,  
3 Chauncy Terrace, Cambridge, Mass.

Very truly yours,

CHM/NG





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May 24, 1919.

Mr. Sidney D. Strong.  
647 Bingham Ave.,  
Sault Sainte Marie,  
Michigan.

Dear Sidney:

Barbara's throat is much better, and she is allowed to eat anything she wants that comes within reach. At the same time, her throat is still sore and troublesome, but the expectation is that she will be well again in a few days.

Hastily yours,

*Robert H. H. H.*

CHM/NG



May 28, 1919.

My dear Mrs. Strong:

Your letter of the 25th inst. arrived this morning, and I am glad to be able to assure you that matters at 1905 are much improved since I last wrote Sidney. Yesterday I talked with Barbara from the outside while she was sitting by the open window inside. She looks well, but is a little thinner than usual, as was to be expected. She certainly had a hard time with her throat, and it is a great thing to have finally come out in such good shape.

Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida join in love and best wishes.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Chauncey Strong,  
Saulte Ste. Marie,  
Michigan.

*E. M. Merriam*

May 28, 1919.

American Automobile Association,  
Washington, D. C.

Enclosed is my check for \$5 for membership dues in the A.A.A. to June 1, 1920.

I should be glad to have a new emblem, but the only maps I need this year are your new Arizona-New Mexico map and the strip map from Washington, D.C., to New York City.

Wishing the organization continued success, which means increased usefulness,

Very truly yours,

CHM/MG

*E. M. Merriam*



June 30, 1919.

Dear Julia:

Enclosed is your June coupon. I should have sent it to you several days ago, but did not know your address, and have only just got it from Florence.

How are you anyway? I trust the temperature and humidity are more endurable there than here at the present time. The thermometer in my office today stands at 83°, and while this is not so very high, the humidity is so great that in stirring around one is a long way from comfortable.

Dorothy and her two babies are still with us; in connection with which circumstance we have learned two surprising things--one, that even so small a family can occupy all the spare room that is to be found about a house; the other, that two babies can occupy the time of all the women folks, along with a part of that of their granddaddy. And these babies of Dorothy's are remarkably good and gentle and well behaved and hardly ever cry. We shall miss them mightily. I sometimes think that Elizabeth would swap her entire family for one of them.

Dorothy's husband, Henry, arrived this morning from Boston, and will be here over Sunday. You of course have heard that he has been made head of the New England Wooden Ship Building, with a salary of \$6,000. He is a wonderful boy, and very lovable.

Dorothy expects to return to Cambridge June 5, and we hope to pull out for California a few days later.

With love from us all,

As ever,



May 31, 1919

Mr Geo. L. Guinther  
1022 White Bldg.  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th inst just received, would say that I will sell my Ferry Street lot of 166½ feet front for \$6500 cash net to me.

I now expect to remain here until about June 10 before leaving for California, and will leave the Deeds and other papers with my attorneys, McLanahan & Burton, Union Trust Bldg., this city.

Very truly yours,

*Robert Meriam*



June 3, 1919.

Dear Mrs. Harriman:

It was a great pleasure to see you here and have you visit our office, even for so short a time. After you left I found my negative of the Muir family, showing a full-face view of John Muir, and had an enlargement made of the part you wished. At the same time I found a small photograph given me by Charles F. Lummis of Los Angeles, which struck me as by far the best profile I had ever seen. I therefore had an enlargement made from this also, which I sent you with the full-face print, and trust that both may prove helpful to your sculptor.

I was disappointed that your time was so limited that it was impracticable to get so much as a bird's-eye-view of the contents of the office, and I earnestly hope that after our return next winter you will be able to give at least an hour to an inspection of the large amount of material you have enabled me to collect and put in shape for use.

In the effort to obtain enough specimens to enable me to complete the monograph of the Bears, and to establish beyond a question the validity of the numerous American species, I have succeeded in securing and placing in the National Museum more than 1,500 skulls of the Grizzly and

Mrs. E.H.H.—2.

Big Brown Bears, an approximately equal number of the smaller Black Bears, and a few of the Spectacle Bear of the South American Andes—making in all upwards of 3,000 skulls now available for study—a vastly larger number than ever before collected of any group of large animals in any part of the world. Large series of specimens are necessary for intensive studies of any group of animals or plants, particularly in the case of large mammals like Bears, which require a number of years to attain the fully adult condition, and in which the sexes differ widely from one another. The splendid series of Bear skulls you have enabled me to collect is not only unique, but affords an unparalleled opportunity for the study of individual variation and of the characters dependent on age, sex, geographic environment and other influences. Never before has such a series of any large animal been brought together; nor do all the museums of the world together possess anything comparable.

But you are more interested in the literary side. Of the Bear material necessary for final publication—manuscripts, illustrations, extracts from old works on hunting and exploration and other publications—we have five deep file case drawers full.



Mrs. E. H. H. --3.

Similar material relating to the mammals of North America in general (apart from the Bears) fills 35 drawers of the steel file cases you saw when here.

And you may be interested to know what has been accomplished in my studies of the Indians of California and Nevada. The materials collected under this head fill three steel file cases (12 drawers), and the extralimital materials, two additional file cases (8 drawers--making 20 in all). This includes published matter arranged by tribes and subjects, and my personal notes and vocabularies collected at odd times during field work for the past 15 or 20 years. I have personally written down from Indians vocabularies (some of more than 2,000 words) from more than 100 tribes, several of which are now extinct. This material I am verifying in the field each season as opportunity offers, in order to complete it for publication. I have also prepared colored maps showing the distribution of the numerous California and Nevada tribes with far more detail and accuracy than heretofore attempted, and have located hundreds of village sites. Our card list of the names and synonyms of California and Nevada tribes, subtribes, bands, and villages, with full references, comprises approximately 12 thousand cards. This has been a tremendous piece of work and I rejoice that it is now nearly completed.

Mrs. E. H. H. --4.

You may remember my book entitled 'Dawn of the World' consisting of myths of the Mewan Indians of California, published in 1910. These I obtained from the various tribes of a single linguistic stock. Similarly, I have collected from other stocks enough additional myths to fill at least one more volume.

And in order to complete our account of California Indians, one of my assistants, Miss Clemence, has translated many of the old Spanish Mission Records from the original manuscripts; we hope to finish these during the present year.

Incidentally, every phase of our work necessitates constant reference to maps of North America, both early and current, and to save time in running about, we have built up a reference series of many hundred maps--most of which have been obtained without cost from Government bureaus. And incidentally also, we have filled half a dozen steel file cabinets with miscellaneous geographic material.

My assistants during the past year and a half have been Miss Clemence (working mainly on old Spanish manuscripts and Indian cards), and an excellent stenographer; with additional help from time to time in checking, copying, indexing, and odds and ends. I have no competent general assistant, but my daughter Zenaida helps part of the time, chiefly in checking the work of others and indexing my field journals--of which there are more than 100 volumes.



Mrs. E. H. H.--5.

The office correspondence, routine, and business consume a large share of my time.

I realize very keenly that I am getting on in years and have not much to show in the way of final published results as the outcome of all you have done for me. The reason seems to be that the jobs I have undertaken are too big—they are lifetime jobs. On the other hand it is gratifying to feel that the collection of materials is nearly completed, that you have enabled me to build foundations such as have never before been prepared along our lines of research, that my health is excellent, my capacity for work never better, and the general outlook most encouraging.

Hoping to see you in California during the summer, and here again for a longer time next winter,

Very truly yours,  
*C. Hart*

Mrs. E. H. Harriman,  
1 East 69th St.,  
New York City.



June 4, 1919.

McLanahan & Burton,  
Union Trust Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Burton:

George L. Guinther, President of the Guinther Realty Company, 1022 White Building, Buffalo, N. Y., writes me under date of May 29, 1919, that he has a prospect of sale for my Buffalo property for the sum of \$6,500 cash net to me, less cost of transfer--his commission to come out of the amount paid by purchaser in excess of the \$6,500 coming to me.

The property in question consists of a lot, 166½ feet front on East Ferry St., Buffalo, N. Y., the same being the identical piece for which you arranged a transfer to me of the shares previously held by my brother C. Collins Merriam and my sister Florence Merriam Bailey, the first of last July. This deed was recorded in the Erie County Clerk's Office, Buffalo, N. Y., in Liber 1397, page 82 of Deeds, July 24, 1918, at 11:26 a'clock A.M., and the original deed I am herewith handing you along with the other documents mentioned in accompanying list.

I shall be glad to sell at the figure named (\$6,500) and so wrote George L. Guinther on May 31 last. I am therefore delivering to you his letter of May 29 and the various deeds and papers which it may be necessary to consult in connection with the transfer, as per accompanying list, and shall be

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obliged if you will kindly draw the new deed and attend to the business of the sale if it goes through as expected.

Probably it will be best to send the deed to a National Bank in Buffalo to deliver to Guinther on receipt of payment, said payment to be sent by certified check to me, addressed to me in care of Crocker National Bank, San Francisco, California.

If I remember correctly this was our method of procedure in the case of the sale of adjacent property in 1915, the deed being delivered to Guinther by the bank on receipt of payment.

Very truly yours,

CHM/MG

*C. Collins Merriam*



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LIST OF PAPERS RELATING TO BUFFALO PROPERTY

Furnished McLanahan & Burton  
By C. Hart Merriam  
June 4, 1919.

BUFFALO PROPERTY--166½ feet front on South Side Ferry St.

Deeds

Warranty Deed, Rich to Sheldon, March 1, 1854;  
Warranty Deed, Sheldon to J. S. Merriam, April 24, 1857;  
Deed, J. S. Merriam, to C. B. Collins, May 11, 1857  
(Recorded June 30, 1857);  
Deed (quitclaim blanket), Slade to Caroline H. Merriam,  
Feb. 5, 1887.  
Warranty Deed, Florence M. Bailey et al to C. Hart Merriam,  
July 1, 1918.

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Mortgage: Sheldon to A. J. Rich, March 1, 1854.

Tax Sale Certificates: 2 to R. T. Turner, Feb. 9, 1869;  
2 to R. T. Turner, July 2, 1870;  
to W. H. Slade, July 3, 1885.

Tax Searches and Redemptions: 3 Tax Searches; 4 Redemptions  
(Redemptions dated May 20, 1902,  
Feb. 21, 1903, Dec. 31, 1902,  
July 14, 1890.)

Tax Receipts: Envelope.

Letter: Geo. L. Guinther to C. Hart Merriam, May 29, 1919.



June 5, 1919.

Harris & Ewing, Photographers,  
1311 F St.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check of \$27 in payment for the  
9 photographic prints received from you yesterday.

I am greatly disappointed in these, for the  
reason that contrary to my specific instructions you  
ironed out all the wrinkles, giving an old man the smoothly  
rounded features of a baby, to which I very much object. I  
spoke of this particularly to your order clerk, calling her  
attention to the fact that I am an old man and prefer to  
have the wrinkles stand as in the negative, and she assured  
me that the prints would be so made.

Very truly yours,

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June 12, 1919.

Mr. C. J. Shaw,  
Equitable Investment Co.,  
Union Trust Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Thanks for your letter of June 10 received this  
morning, with enclosed check of \$14 for rental for vacant  
lots south of my house on 16th Street.

But there seems to be some mistake in this account,  
as you entered total rents received \$20, whereas the rents  
received should be \$30 for the months April, May, and June.  
The rent, if I understand it correctly, is paid in advance  
the first of each month, at \$10 per month. The April rent  
was received by me on April 10 and forwarded the same day  
to Mr. Burton, so that the account could start at the begin-  
ning. Hence, if the June rent has been paid, as I suppose  
it has, the total amount should be \$30.

Very truly yours,

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June 22, 1919.

Water Department,  
Municipal Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I have today closed my house for the remainder of the summer, and have turned off the water where it enters the house. No water should be used in the house until my return about the end of the year.

Respectfully,

*C. M. Thurman*

June 22, 1919.

Potomac & Chesapeake Telephone Co.,  
Washington, D. C.

We are closing our house, 1919 Sixteenth Street, today, and do not expect it to be reoccupied before the end of the year. I should be obliged therefore if you will discontinue the phone until further notice.

Respectfully,

*C. M. Thurman*



June 22, 1919.

Washington Star,

Washington, D. C.

Today I am closing my house, 1919 16th Street, for the season, and do not expect to return until about the end of the year. I will be obliged therefore if you will discontinue the 'Star' until further notice.

Very truly yours,

*C. M. H. H. H. H. H.*

June 22, 1919.

Washington Gas Light Co.,  
411 10th Street,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 Sixteenth Street, for the season, and do not expect to return before about the end of the year. I have turned off the gas where it comes in from the street just before reaching the meter. No gas should be used in the house until my return.

Respectfully,

*C. M. H. H. H. H. H.*



June 22, 1919.

Chief of Police,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 Sixteenth Street, for the season, and do not expect to return until about the end of the year. I shall be obliged if you will kindly have your patrolmen keep an eye on the house from time to time as they pass.

There is a gang of small boys in Caroline Street who have a habit of climbing up on top of my garage, where they have broken the skylight and done other damage. Last year they poked a lot of bottles and pieces of iron through the side openings in the skylight so that they dropped on to my car in the garage. I have now wired the ventilating slats tight and do not think they can force them open. The fact that the gates of the high back fence are locked with padlocks makes no difference to these children, as they boost one another up over the top.

Should anything occur to require attention, please notify Mrs. Marian Baker, 1905 Sixteenth St., or E. W. Nelson or Dr. A. K. Fisher, Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture.

My address until about the end of the year will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Respectfully,

*E. W. Nelson*

June 22, 1919.

Postmaster,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Until further notice please forward to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, California, all letter mail addressed to me at 1919 Sixteenth Street or at the Northumberland.

Please have all magazine, newspaper, and package mail delivered at the Northumberland, where it will be cared for until my return.

Letter mail addressed to Mrs. C. Hart Merriam and Miss Zenaida Merriam should be forwarded to Lagunitas also.

Very truly yours,

*E. W. Nelson*



June 22, 1919.

Potomac Electric Power Co.,  
14th and C Streets,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 Sixteenth Street, for the season, and do not expect to return until the end of the year. I have turned off the electric current at the main switch in the basement under the stone steps at the front of the house.

My office, Apartment 701 The Northumberland, also is closed today, and no current should be used until my return.

Respectfully,

*C. H. H. H. H.*

July 10, 1919

Assessor, District of Columbia

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing my Personal and Intangible Tax schedule for 1919.

Concerning the Bond values for July 1, 1919, would like to say that I have just spent half a day in the Bond brokers offices in San Francisco, and was unable to find any recent quotations or sales for those marked with a cross(+) or a question mark. Possibly you may be able to supply these.

In the case of the Imperial Russian Credit of 1919 which fell due last month, would state that payment was defaulted by the Russian Government, and whether or not the Credit now has any value I am unable to ascertain.

I am in California for the summer but expect to return to Washington (1919 16th St.) for the winter.

Respectfully,

*C. H. H. H. H.*



July 16, 1919

Rodney Dean, Esq. Secretary

Dear Sir:

I have this day received a circular letter addressed to holders of the Imperial Russian Govts. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  3-year Credit <sup>should</sup> intimating that Certificates, be deposited prior to August 15.

I am in California for the summer and cannot get at my certificate, which is in a safe deposit box in Washington. What shall I do? I wish to join in taking advantage of the action of your Committee.

Should be obliged for a copy of the Protective Agreement mentioned in the circular.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam -



July 17, 1919

Dear Barbara:

Thanks for your letter of the 9th inst. By a curious coincidence it came in the same mail with a letter from Miss Mulheron enclosing the key--altho I wrote her before leaving Washington to give it to your mother. However, better late than <sup>n</sup>ever, so here it is. But don't bother about going to office xcept at long intervals--just to let it be known that someone is on the trail. And there may be some letter mail worth forwarding.

Glacier Park is a great place, but I don't advise young folks to go there till their pocket books have had time to fill up. Guess same is true of pretty much all the National Parks.

You and Angie must be most mighty careful about your doings down at the Basin. The water there is fearfully wet. Tell your mother she had better look out!

Here at Lagunitas I get all the wetting I need evenings when watering the ferns. And there are plenty of big ones this year, and plenty of huckleberries too, and the Salal did wonders last winter and is now a joy forever.

We all are glad your upstairs room is occupied. One doesn't feel half so lonesome with someone else in the house.

There are two nests of Thrushes in clumps of ferns close to our house. Did'nt know before that they built in ferns. They start singing three days ago--sad.



July 22, 1919.

Mr. C. L. Johnson,  
Visalia, Calif.

My dear Sir:

On arriving at my summer home at Lagunitas after a roundabout trip through Montana, I found your letter awaiting me.

Unfortunately, at the present time I have no money to invest, as I reinvested immediately the amount you sent me for my shares in the Visalia Building & Loan Association. It is possible however that I may complete a sale of some other property about the end of August. If so, and you still have shares to dispose of, I shall be glad to purchase \$1,000 or \$2,000 worth.

Very truly yours,

*C. L. Johnson*

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July 26, 1919.

Mr. George Collamore,  
San Geronimo, Calif.

My dear Sir:

I feel very badly about having run over your dog yesterday. I have had good dogs myself and know how deeply one becomes attached to them.

While I cannot replace a dead dog, I may perhaps help you to get a promising young one, which in time may develop into a suitable companion. For this purpose I take the liberty of enclosing my check for \$25. This I do as an expression of regret, not as an indication that I feel responsible for the accident. The accident seemed unavoidable, and I want you to know that I feel exceedingly sorry.

Trusting that you will be able to find the right sort of a dog,

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Harrison*

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August 1, 1919.

Mr. Rodney Dean, Secretary  
55 Wall St.,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 22, would state that I am in California for the summer, but that on my return to my home in Washington, D. C. in the fall I will at once send you for deposit with your committee, under terms of the published Agreement, my Certificate of Participation in the Russian Government 6 1/2 Credit.

Very truly yours,

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C. Hart American.



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August 9, 1919.

Mr. George W. White, President  
National Metropolitan Bank,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

Herewith I am enclosing check on Crocker National  
Bank of San Francisco for \$50 in payment of August installment  
on \$500 Victory Liberty Loan, as per accompanying cards.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart*

CHM:NG



August 14, 1919.

Rodney Dean, Esq., Secretary  
55 Wall Street,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th inst., would state that I have signed and am returning herewith a copy of the Protective Agreement concerning the Imperial Russian 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  Credit, which was sent me for that purpose; and on my return to Washington in the fall, will send you my certificate.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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August 14, 1919.

Guinther Realty Company,  
1022 White Building,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Replying to your letter of the 6th inst: I regret that the sale of my Ferry Street property was not accomplished as expected. In accordance with your request, I agree to the extension of the option to about September 10.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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August 20, 1919.

Dear Florence:

Yours of the 10th with accompanying note from V.B. and card from Paul arrived duly. The latter is returned herewith. From the way you mention Cabot, I infer that he has returned to Washington.

We have been expecting to hear from Harry Nelson for a month or more, but as yet have had no word and do not know his address. I wrote Nelson for it, and he replied that Harry would be at the Presidio until August 6, but Nelson's letter did not reach me until too late.

You announced the good news that Sialia currucoides is a bird of the past. For 'bird' I suppose you mean 'name', and I am mightily pleased to know it, as I dislike that name and am very glad if arctica has been restored.

But I am horrified to know that your New Mexico Bird Book covers a thousand typewritten pages. It must be a regular cyclopedia. I fear you have gone too much into small details. I agree that detailed records are desirable in the case of rare species, but not for the common ones.

We have done some more tree cutting lately, to the great improvement of our outlooks. Wish you and V.B. could drop in to see how things look.

When do you go to Massachusetts, and when does he start for North Dakota?

S.M.B.--2

Am getting a fine lot of Indian material here, and have learned from Preble of the receipt of some important Bear skulls at Washington--all of which for the good.

Am going to the City tonight to hear a lecture by Joe Mailiard on the birds of Lake County; and next Saturday Elizabeth and I go to Alameda to spend Sunday with the Stephens family.

With love to you all,

As ever,

Mrs. Florence M. Bailey.  
1834 Kalorama Road,  
Washington, D. C.



August 20, 1919.

McLanahan & Burton,  
Union Trust Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your letter of August 7 concerning my Buffalo lot which Guinther is hoping to sell. I have had a letter from him asking to have the time extended to September 10, and have written him agreeing to this.

Very truly yours,

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*C. Hart Harrison*

August 20, 1919.

National Geographic Society,  
Washington, D. C.

Enclosed is my check for \$6, for which please send one copy each of Nelson's 'Wild Animals' and Henshaw's 'Birds' to C. A. Allen, San Geronimo, Marin County, Calif.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Harrison*

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August 25, 1949.

Rodney Dean, Esq., Secretary,  
55 Wall St.,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Your circular of August 15 addressed to the Holders of Certificates of Participation in the Imperial Russian 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  Credit has just reached me, and I note that your Committee has extended the time for deposit to September 30. This date does not help matters in the least so far as I am concerned, as I do not expect to return to Washington until about Christmas. I am writing to ask therefore whether in view of the written statement I have sent you, positively agreeing to deposit with you my certificate immediately on my return to Washington, I may not be included with those who are able to get out their certificate more promptly.

Respectfully,

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*C. Haffner*



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August 31, 1919.

Mr. George W. White, President  
National Metropolitan Bank,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I enclose check for \$100 in payment of September and October installments on my \$500 Liberty Loan, cards for which are herewith enclosed (Nos. 7525-7528, inclusive, and 8489).

Very truly yours,

*E. H. Sturman*

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September 5, 1919.

Mr. V. E. Bourne, Cashier,  
Equitable Life Insurance Co.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing my check on the Crocker  
National Bank of San Francisco for \$198 which together with  
the dividend now due me of \$66.55 makes the amount of my  
premium \$264.55, due September 21.

Respectfully,

*C. M. Sturman*

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September 8, 1919.

Dear Florence:

Glad to hear from you again, but sorry you are not going away for a change of temperature; still I realize that the food question is important, and also that in revising your manuscript you will be more contented where you can look up references and other points that may arise.

Your comments and those of Vernon on the cool summer in Washington always amuse me, particularly in view of other letters written about the same time from the same place complaining of the terrible heat. You two certainly ought to change your residence to Yuma. He must not stay long in North Dakota or he will freeze to death.

Glad to see Coll's letter, which I am returning herewith. It is obvious that you and he know something about Williams that is news to me. Personally, I should feel inclined to sell to the highest bidder, but in some cases the personal equation counts and this seems to be one of them. Anyhow, it will be a decided relief if you can exchange Homewood for cash even though the price is much less than the place is worth. In such cases, as experience has taught us, the question is not what the thing is worth, but what we can get for it during our lifetimes, and I for one am mighty tired of paying taxes without any compensating income.

I infer that the cows are yours, in which case the amount received for them should of course be personal to you as distinct from the price of the farm, which I suppose you and Julia are to divide 50-50.

The Ritters were here to lunch Saturday, and Dr. and Mrs. Stephens are coming tomorrow to spend the night. After that we expect to start north on an auto trip.

With love to you both,

As ever,

Mrs. Florence M. Bailey,  
1834 Kalorama Road,  
Washington, D. C.



October 2, 1919.

Dear Florence:

Thanks for your letters which awaited my return from the Klamath Lake and Canyon region.

It is good that you can get \$6,000 for Homewood now, when the money will be of some use to you, and, as you say, save no end of annoyance and expense for repairs and so on.

How in the world am I to remember after so many years what there is in the museum or back shop that I would want to save if I had the chance? Some years ago I gave Coll all of my wagons, cutters, and harness. You surely are welcome to those sleigh-bells so far as I am concerned. In fact they never belonged to me anyway.

If I had any money to invest I would buy U.S. Liberty 4½ second or fourth. These issues sell for about \$93.50 which makes them yield an excellent interest. The reason they are lower than the others is that when held in large quantity they are not subject to certain exemptions from the income tax, and therefore are less sought by rich investors, but for us they are fine.

We are mighty glad that Vernon is in the field even if it is late in the season for so far north. I envy his visit with Chester and little Teddie--I should like mightily to see them again myself.

I can't answer your question about paper for half-tones--too many changes since I was supposed to be a sharp on that line of goods. Your publishers ought to know.

My two last trips were particularly fruitful in Indian Lore. From an old Shasta Chief in Upper Klamath I got the names and locations of 53 old rancherias on or near Klamath River, and 24 others in adjacent territory. On the previous trip--which the entire family made by auto--to the Paskenta and Stony Creek country, I located some 50 odd rancherias of the Nöm-lik-ka tribe.

We have just had two or three early rains--enough to put out the fires and freshen up the country. Wish you could see the moss and other green things now.

We are all well, and all join in love.

As ever,

Mrs. Florence M. Bailey,  
1834 Kalorama Road,  
Washington, D. C.



Dear Julia:

October 2, 1919.

On returning from the Klamath Lake country in Oregon and Upper Klamath Canyon and Mt. Shasta region in northern California, I find your letter awaiting attention; and am very glad to have the news from Lyons Falls.

Florence also has written me about the sale of Homewood. And while the price is much less than the place ought to be worth, nevertheless it is probably as much as you can hope to get in your lifetime--and what we want, we surely want in our lifetimes.

As to the remainder of my stuff in the museum, I really think I brought away all that I felt sure that I wanted; and after the lapse of so many years, it is impossible for me to recall what is left, so I don't see how I can do anything about it at long range.

We have had a delightful summer, and have just been favored by unusually early rains which have refreshed the country generally, and have revived the moss and other green things.

I have been exceedingly busy, and have collected a very large amount of additional information from various Indian tribes. On one of these trips, we took the entire family, camping along the route.

With much love, in which Elizabeth and Zenaida join,

As ever yours,

Mrs. C. L. Merriam,  
1008 Washington St.,  
Watertown, N.Y.

October 2, 1919.

Mr. George H. Goldman,

Orosi, Calif. R. 1, Box 122.

Dear Mr. Goldman:

Very many thanks for your trouble in selecting and shipping the grapes. They arrived yesterday in excellent condition, and are greatly appreciated by the Merriam family. The flavor of the Black Muscats is something long to be remembered, and I am very glad you put them in, even if they were full ripe. All of the others were hard and crisp.

When Mr. Nelson arrives, please give him my kind regards accompanied by regrets that his premature arrival in San Francisco prevented me from seeing him.

Again thanking you for your courtesy in the matter of the grapes,

Very truly yours,

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*C. L. Merriam*



October 6, 1919.

Mr. George R. White, President,  
National Metropolitan Bank,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. White:

Enclosed is my check on National Metropolitan Bank for \$80 in payment of October and November installments on four \$100 Victory Loan Bonds for Mrs. Merriam (Nos. 7884 and 8317) and my daughter Zenaida (Nos. 7885 and 8247), as per the four enclosed cards.

Very truly yours,

*C. H. Merriam*

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Dear Florence:

October 22, 1919.

We are now back all safe and sound and well from one of the most interesting trips I have ever made anywhere. We drove our car about a thousand miles, and on the last day ran 215 miles to reach home. We were all pretty tired, but fortunately had a good night's sleep before receiving Dorothy's telegram.

It certainly seems a mystery that such an absolutely perfect and apparently healthful child as Carol should drop off so suddenly. Probably we shall never know the cause.

Both going and coming we camped on McCloud River near the salmon hatchery at Baird, only a short distance below where we camped with John C. Merriam and family 16 years ago. It was fortunate that I secured excellent photographs of Wintoon Indians and their lodges at that time, as most of them are now dead and none of their old lodges are left.

One night we camped abreast of Shasta just north of Black Butte. Our longest stops were in Yreka Valley and Scott Valley. Vernon will be interested to know that Scott Valley is wholly different from the impression I carried of it from our pack-outfit-trip in 1898, 21 years ago. My recollection was that the valley was of small size and so strongly encroached upon by Ponderosa forests that there were few openings of any size. The contrary is true. The valley is 22 miles in length, and the open flat bottom from a mile to six or more in breadth, bordered everywhere by forests of pines and oaks. It is, to say the least, one of the most beautiful valleys I have ever seen--I rather think the most

beautiful. It is completely hemmed in by high mountains. The Salmon River Alps on the west rise precipitously in an unbroken crestline to the timberline region, above which many of the peaks are marbled with snow. I made two trips into it over the Ft. Jones grade of 2,000 feet rise, and we came out at the north end from Callahan's ranch to Gazelle over the high grade across the Scott Mountains.

When in the Yreka Valley region we had sublime views of Shasta in the evening sunset glow.

The dominant oaks surrounding Shasta, Yreka, and Scott Valleys and also in Sacramento canyon are the Black and the White Oaks (*Q. californica* and *Q. garryana*), now in fall coloring. The White Oaks in particular are wonderfully brilliant in mottled yellows, greens, and reds, to which was added the deep purple-red of *Cornus glabrata* on moist ground, and the intense brilliant scarlet of the Poison Oak on the hillsides. And in Sacramento canyon the red of the Dogwood added another element to the coloring.

Arch Gilbert was with us, and a great help in camp. Among other things he got up every morning before daylight and built the fire, so that Elizabeth had a bed of coals ready to cook breakfast over when she got up. We were always dressed by daylight sometimes earlier. The nights were very cold, ice forming on our water nearly every night, and on one night the big water bag froze solid.

Vernon will be glad to know that I got several fine series of distribution notes along lines not previously worked, besides which I had the satisfaction of getting a very large quantity of valuable ethnological material, including a vocabulary, tribal



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boundaries, and old rancheria names and locations of a tribe on the verge of extinction--only two Indians remaining.

Several important trips are still outstanding, but we cannot make another move until the notes from the last trip are completely written up, then we will have to look out for rains.

Our last line from Dorothy told of the beginning of Carol's brief illness. Nothing later but the telegram which of course we did not receive until several days after it had been sent. We were in Scott Valley when the little one died.

Our best love to you both,

As ever,

*Hast*

Mrs. Florence M. Bailey,  
1834 Kalorama Road,  
Washington, D. C.



October 29, 1919.

Dear Florence & Vernon:

Arch Gilbert has just purchased for us from the army supplies now on sale a batch of prunes for which he paid only 12 cents per pound. He says they come in 25 pound boxes. We have tried them raw and stewed and find them good both ways. If Vernon has time and knows where these army goods are on sale in Washington, I wish he would get a 25 pound box of prunes for us and salt them down until our return. Arch says that he got them at the Red Cross headquarters, not at a postoffice.

We are having superb autumn weather--cold nights and beautiful clear days. The Oregon Robins whistle around my sleeping porch before it is quite daylight every morning.

With love to you both,

Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Bailey,  
1834 Kalorama Road,  
Washington, D.C.



October 30, 1919.

Dear Coll:

We returned a few days ago from one of the most interesting and fruitful trips I have ever made anywhere, in the course of which I drove our old car about a thousand miles. The day we returned home we drove 215 miles, arriving at Lagunitas a little before midnight.

In the course of my work along Klamath River and tributary valleys last year and this, I have secured the names and locations of 264 Indian villages, the inhabitants of most of which have become extinct through the kind services of their white neighbors. Allowing ten houses of five individuals each--50 persons in all--as the average number for each village, the total population of Klamath basin must have been in the early days at least 13,200.

The explanation of so large a population is that the food supply was exceptionally bountiful--the Klamath and its tributaries abounding in Salmon, Eels, and other fish; the adjacent mountain-sides in game, Acorns, Manzanita berries, and other food plants. There were three tribes speaking different languages: the Shaste reaching from the Modok country a little west of Klamath Lakes down half way to the coast; the Kahrok of the middle Klamath; and the Yurok of the lower Klamath.

On reaching home we found a belated telegram telling us of the death of Dorothy's sweet little Carol. She was a remarkably happy and lovable child, and we shall all miss her greatly. The blow to Dorothy and Henry is particularly severe.

C.C.M.--2.

Am glad that you and Julia went over the old savings at Homewood. Could I have been there I might have laid aside a few things as worth bringing on to Washington, but feel that on the whole it may be just as well that I was not there. We both are old enough to know that there are stacks of things one hates to part with, and yet which one does not miss and would never need.

Zenaida says that your family appears to be monopolizing the administration of Forest Church, according to the program enclosed

Do not know just when we shall go back to Washington, but surely not for another month or so.

With love to you all,

As ever,

*Handwritten signature*

Mr. C.C. Merriam,  
Lyons Falls, N.Y.



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November 2, 1919.

Mr. E. B. Gardner,  
San Geronimo, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

The enclosed bill for water rent from July 1 of the current year to July 1, 1920, has just reached me, along with a notice stating that the bill was payable in advance on the 1st of July.

This leads me to ask if this is not the bill paid by me immediately on my arrival last summer, and which was paid by check on the Crocker Bank of San Francisco and mailed to you on July 5. This check came back to me from the bank endorsed "San Geronimo Valley Water Co." and paid through Clearing House July 12, 1919. But for this payment no receipt was sent me by the company.

Of course, your record will show whether or not this was for the bill received today. I shall be obliged if you will kindly let me know.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

*E. B. Gardner*

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November 6, 1919.

Mr. George R. White, President  
National Metropolitan Bank,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. White:

Herewith I am enclosing check for \$200 on the Crocker  
National Bank of San Francisco, and shall be obliged if you  
will kindly credit the amount on the payments still due on my  
\$500 Victory Loan Bonds, thus completing payment on these.  
The five cards are enclosed herewith--Nos. 7525, 7526, 7527,  
7528, and 8489.

Kindly hold the bonds until my return to Washington.

We have recently returned from a most interesting auto  
trip of about a thousand miles in northern California, in the course  
of which I located nearly 200 Indian village sites and obtained  
other information of value. I am starting tomorrow on another  
trip north.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*E. H. H. H.*

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November 13, 1919.

Mr. George W. White, President,  
National Metropolitan Bank,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. White:

The Guinther Realty Company of Buffalo, N.Y., inform me that they have just sold a piece of property belonging to me on Ferry St., Buffalo, for \$6,500 less certain expenses of perfecting title.

I have asked McLanahan & Burton, who have the deeds and other papers relating to this property, to hand you the deed when the transaction is ready for settlement, and I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly forward the deed to some bank in Buffalo to be delivered to George L. Guinther on payment of the purchase price, and shall be still further obliged if you will kindly deposit the same to my account after deducting your charges.

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Guinther*

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November 13, 1919.

Mr. George L. Guinther,  
1022 White Building,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of November 7 has just reached me, stating that you have secured a purchaser for my East Ferry Street property, to net me \$6,500 cash less certain charges in connection with completing the title, your commission to be the amount received by you in excess of the \$6,500. I agree to this and shall be glad to have the sale completed as early as practicable.

The deeds and other papers are, as you know, in the hands of my attorneys McLanahan & Burton, with whom you are in correspondence.

Instead of having the money sent to California as I requested last June, I have arranged with the National Metropolitan Bank of Washington, D. C., to attend to the transfer and deposit to my Washington account.

Thanking you for your success in securing a purchaser and for your various attentions in the matter,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Guinther*

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December 24, 1919.

Rodney Dean, Esq., Secretary,  
55 Wall St.,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with my promise of last summer (when in California), I am enclosing herewith the certificate of my thousand dollar Imperial Russian Government 6½ three year credit, due June 18, 1919 (Certificate No. A2487), dated December 13, 1916, and shall be obliged if you will kindly acknowledge receipt.

Very truly yours,

*C. M. Thurman*

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Dec. 31, 1919

Assistant Cashier  
National City Bank  
New York City

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th inst. (initials "T.D.") would state that I have signed the bond power you enclosed, attested by Geo. W. White, President of the National Metropolitan Bank of this city, and am returning the same herewith, along with the Income Tax blank, as requested--in the matter of the Imperial Russian Government 6½ three year credit.

Very truly yours,

*C. M. Thurman*

2 enclosures.



January 6, 1920.

Dear Julia:

Herewith is your December coupon which I have just clipped.

Our family spent Christmas with Dorothy at her Cambridge home, where I arrived from California only a little before noon on Christmas day. Little Beth had been sick, but was improving when I left, and Elizabeth now writes that she is practically well.

Zensida and I have opened the house and got things started for the winter, but the house is very cold. Elizabeth expects to return next Sunday.

Trusting that you are well, and that you are able to keep warm during this chilly weather,

As ever yours,

Mrs. Julia Bush Merriam,  
1008 Washington St.,  
Watertown, N. Y.



January 12, 1920.

McLanahan & Burton,  
Union Trust Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Burton:

Thanks for yours of the 10th inst.  
enclosing bill of \$87.29 for services and disbursements  
in connection with the sale of my Buffalo property,  
for which I am enclosing check herewith. Your charges,  
as usual, are entirely satisfactory.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hart Merriam*

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January 14, 1920.

Mr. Proctor W. Hansl,  
American Motors Corporation,  
141 Broadway, New York City.

My dear Mr. Hansl:

Since calling on you in New York a couple of weeks ago I have been trying to learn a few more details about the American-6 as at present made, but without much success. Some of your local dealers say that the 1920 Models are equipped with Timkin rear axles and Timkin bearings on both rear and front axles, while others say that this is not the case. If you have as yet printed the specifications of your 1920 Model, I should greatly appreciate a copy.

Nor have I yet been able to find out whether or not the car can be furnished with a Bosch magneto without doing away with the tire pump. I want both magneto and tire pump. If you will kindly enlighten me on these points at your early convenience I shall be greatly obliged, as I now have an opportunity to dispose of my old car to good advantage and would like to get an American-6 as soon as practicable. If the changes desired can be made in the near future, I would like to give you an order for the car with certain additions which I will mention on hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

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*Chas. H. Merriam*



January 21, 1920.

Egbert Bagg & Co.  
191 Genesee St.  
Utica, N. Y.

Thanks for yours of the 19th inst. enclosing  
insurance policies on my furniture, baskets, and specimens  
(Hartford No. 6852 and Liverpool London & Globe No. D2726),  
both expiring January 18, 1923. The premium on these,  
\$20.57 each, amounting to \$41.14, is herewith enclosed.

Thanking you for your attention in the matter,

Very truly yours,

*C. Hartman* -

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